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## JAPANESE NAVAL GUESTS.

EXCHANGE OF VISITS TO-DAY.

TWO EX-RUSSIAN TRAINING CRUISERS.

ADMIRAL'S LANDING.

This morning Vice-Admiral Seizo Kobayashi, commanding the two Japanese training cruisers, H. I. J. M. Idzumo and H. I. J. M. Yokumo, paid an official visit on H.E. The Officer Administering the Government.

Vice-Admiral Kobayashi, who landed at Queen's Pier, was met by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., representing the Officer Administering the Government, and Mr. Y. Murakami, the Consul-General for Japan. A Guard of Honour was provided by the Scots Guards.

After inspecting the Guard, Vice-Admiral Kobayashi, who was accompanied by Capt. M. Idemitsu, of the Yakumo, Capt. Y. Hirota, of the Idzumo, and their Flag Lieutenants, left by car, with Capt. Whyte, for Government House.

After a short stay, the visiting officers returned to their ships, H.E. The Officer Administering the Government returning the call at noon by a visit to the flagship, Idzumo.

Dinner Last Night.

A dinner was given by Mr. Y. Murakami at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden last night and among the guests were H.E. The Officer Administering the Government, Sir Henry Gollan, Major General C. C. Luard, Commodore J. L. Pearson, Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Shouson Chow and other members of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

This evening, the Japanese officers will be the guests at a dinner at Government House, while Vice-Admiral Kobayashi will entertain prominent Hongkong citizens to dinner on board the flagship to-morrow evening.

The two cruisers, which were formerly in the Russian Navy, carry 104 officers, 195 midshipmen and 1,055 sailors, a large number of whom made a tour of the Peninsula this morning visiting, among other places, the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing where they spent nearly two hours studying the process on cigar manufacture. This afternoon will be devoted to sight-seeing on the island and places of interest to be visited will include the University and Tai Koo Dockyard.

Prince as Lieutenant.

Prince Takamatsu is a sub-lieutenant on the H. I. J. M. S. Ypukmo.

The officers of the squadron are Captain R. Mitakou, Captain M. Takai, Captain M. Shinjo, Commander H. Mito, Lt. Commander T. H. Kurose, Lt. Commander T. Mihara, Captain M. Idemitsu, Commander F. Shikuhara, Lt. Commander S. Tashiro, Lt. Commander S. Morino, Lt. Commander T. Hirai, Lt. Commander Y. Okada, Lt. Commander H. Hamano, Lt. Commander S. Inouye, Captain Y. Hirota, Commander K. Waki, Lt. Commander S. Hamada, and Lt. Commander N. Kobayashi.

The training squadron sailed from Yokosuka on April 23, and visited Toba, Shanghai, Keelung and Makou.

On Wednesday the squadron sails for Manila. From there it will visit Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya, Freemantle, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney, Wellington, Oakland, Suva, Honolulu, Jaluit, Trak, Palao, Tokuyama and return to Japan on November 3.

YANGTZE POSITION.

REPORTED ATTACK ON GEN. YANG SEN.

Chungking, May 13. It is reported that Generals Li Hsiang and Ko Yu-tung are attacking General Yang Sen, but there is no confirmation of any other fighting.

About sixty junks with troops have left here for some point down the river.

At other ports, the situation remains unchanged.—Naval Wireless.

## LATEST SHANGHAI SENSATION.

EUROPEAN ARRESTED FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

REVOLVER IN A CAR.

Shanghai, May 14.

Elly Wilder, whose adventures as a prisoner for six months of General Yang Sen, and his recent arrest on gun-running charges, have brought him into considerable prominence, has been arrested on a charge of armed highway robbery.

A Greek named Saradis was taken into custody at the same time, arrested as an alleged accomplice of Wilder in the robbery.

The complainant is a Chinese resident officially connected with the Nationalist Government, and he alleged that Wilder, pre-arranged to accompany him to Wusong when complainant was carrying a sum of about \$6,000 for the purpose of paying the officers of the forts, the party proceeding in an automobile.

They were about half-way on their journey, it is alleged when Wilder suddenly drew a revolver, and at the point of the pistol obtained the money, and also a *Huehoo*, a document permitting the importation of arms in the Shanghai area.—Our Own Correspondent.

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT ABANDONED.

FUEL TOO HEAVY FOR LONG HOP TO SINGAPORE.

Canberra, May 13.

Wing-Commander Wackett, who arrived at Port Darwin recently in an amphibian Wildcat aeroplane on a flight to Singapore, had difficulty in rising, owing to the weight of fuel necessary for the 1,900-mile-hop to Singapore.

He has, therefore, been ordered to abandon the attempt and to join the four Royal Air Force flying-boats, which recently flew from Southampton to Singapore.

Wing-Commander Wackett is now proceeding to Broome to meet the Royal Air Force squadron there as the representative of the Australian Air Force.—Reuter.

FOOCHOW SCHOOL DESTROYED.

ARRESTED STUDENTS ARE RELEASED.

Foochow, May 10.

A few weeks ago, a Government school building was burned down, and I am informed that some of the people near seized a couple of students who seemed to be responsible for it, and handed the matter to the police.

They were immediately released, the reason being that their father is an official, and any further proceedings would cause too much "trouble." Administration of justice is apparently fraught with danger in Foochow.—Our Own Correspondent.

BOOMER DEFEATS HAGEN.

GOOD WIN ON THE ST. CLOUD COURSE.

Paris, May 13.

In a 36-hole exhibition match over the St. Cloud course to-day, Aubrey Boomer, the St. Cloud professional, defeated Walter Hagen, the British Open Champion, by three up and two to play.—Reuter.

SHIPPING STRIKE.

COOKS WALK OUT AT SYDNEY.

Sydney, Apr. 25.

All liners belonging to the Huddart Parker Company are lying idle as a result of a strike amongst amongst the cooks.—Indo-Pacific.

## TIENTSIN'S TIME OF CRISIS.

### SPECTACULAR SHANSI ADVANCE IMPERILS THE CITY.

#### Foreign Troops To Throw Out Cordon Seven Miles Round Area.

#### IMPORTANT POINTS GUARDED.

The scene of crisis in China has moved rapidly from Tainanfu, where the Japanese troops are in complete control, to Tientsin, where it is feared, a critical situation may arise at any time, owing to a spectacular advance by Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's troops through the Puto-ho Valley to Tsangchow.

Tientsin is now seriously threatened by the Southern troops, and an advance on the city from Tsangchow, only fifty miles away on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, is expected at any time.

The foreign troops at Tientsin number something like 8,500, but there has been a disagreement between the commanders of the various nationalities as to the measures to be taken to defend the foreign concessions.

It has been decided, Reuter indicates, to form a cordon round Tientsin at a radius of seven miles from the city, and these picket points, we presume, will undertake to prevent a Nationalist occupation of Tientsin.

The Japanese troops at Tientsin are to be entrusted with the defence of the most important points, including the junction Station of the Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Mukden Railway.

The remarkable advance of the Shansi forces to Tsangchow has cut off the retreat of the Shantung-Chihli forces, who had abandoned Tehchow to Marshal Feng Yu-shiang. Over seven thousand Northern troops have been taken prisoner by the Shansi troops.

Of the happenings at Tsinan, an account warmly praising Japanese efficiency has been given by an English eye-witness, who comments on the plan with which the Japanese troops tackled at least 100,000 Chinese troops within the seven miles zone of Tsinan and drove them out with heavy loss to the Southerners.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS' EMBARRASSMENT

Shanghai, May 14. While the capture of Tehchow on Friday by Marshal Feng Yu-shiang's troops was not entirely unexpected in view of the Northerners' policy of falling back on Peking without offering resistance, the announcement by the Governor of Shansi, Yen Hsi-shan, that his troops have captured Tsangchow, midway between Tehchow and Tientsin, and that his men occupied the city on May 8th, is most surprising.

The fall of Tsangchow could only be accounted for by a spectacular rapid advance from Shansi along the valley of the Puto-ho River.

Northerners Trapped. This manoeuvre has resulted in cutting off the retreat of the Shantung-Chihli forces, and it is reported that the move has already been followed by a large quantity of arms and ammunition falling into the Shansi army's hands.

They claim to have taken 7,000 prisoners, and to have seized large quantities of Northern war material.

The Southerners are now rapidly advancing on Tientsin where they are expected to arrive to-morrow.

Foreign Defences at Tientsin. The foreign troops at Tientsin, include 4,000 Americans, with twenty aeroplanes, five tanks, and five field-guns, one thousand Britishers, three thousand French, and about five hundred Japanese (most of the Japanese garrison having gone to Tsinanfu).

The commanders of the foreign troops held a conference on Friday and there was some difference of opinion as to the measures to be taken.

A Seven Mile Zone. The Japanese commander, saw many bodies of Japanese soldiers lying badly mutilated in the streets, remarks on the wonderful French and Italian commanders, way the Japanese maintained the but it was eventually decided to Shantung Railway, which at one establish picket points in a radius time was cut in no fewer than of seven miles from Tientsin.

The Japanese troops are to be entrusted with the guarding of the fact that the six thousand Japanese troops concerned in the Tientsin Concessions, including the important East Railway Station, the ed in different parts of the Pro-

vince by at least 100,000 Nationalist.

Japanese Plan.

They cleaned up Tsinanfu admirably, the way they drove the Southerners out with comparatively little loss to themselves being brilliant.

He also praises highly the plan of the Japanese troops, who overwhelmingly outnumbered, boldly took the initiative and attacked and drove back the Southerners wherever they found them within a seven-mile limit.

Well over two thousand Chinese troops were killed or wounded during the heavy fighting.

He entirely discredits the Chinese account of the murder of Tsai Kung-hsi, whom he says, it is now believed, was killed by machine-gun fire when with a detachment of Chinese troops who were endeavouring to recapture the Bureau of Foreign Affairs.

Ho Yao-tsu's Dismissal. It is also noteworthy that the Nationalist Government Council has passed a resolution dismissing General Ho Yao-tsu, whose army was implicated in the first clash with the Japanese troops.—Reuter.

Japanese Anxiety.

Tokyo, May 14. The newspapers unanimously urge the withdrawal of the Japanese troops as soon as possible, pointing out the gradual change of public opinion abroad, and therefore, advising that military operations in China be reduced to a minimum.—Reuter.

League Protest.

Geneva, May 13. The Chinese Nationalists Government protest to the League of Nations in regard to the Japanese occupation of Shantung, has caused something of a flutter in League circles, largely owing to the fact that the Nanking Government is not a Member of the League.

Consequently, from the juridical point of view, the Nationalist appeal can have hardly any standing.

It is believed that Japan will also submit her case to the League and it is learned from a private source that Mr. Chen, the Chinese Minister to Paris, who is China's representative on the League Council, has applied to Peking for instructions regarding the attitude he should adopt at the forthcoming meeting of the Council, if the matter is discussed.

Council Problem.

It is thought not unlikely that the Peking Government will associate itself with the Nanking appeal thus rendering it acceptable to the League Council, but it is felt that the whole thing will prove most embarrassing for the Council, and not likely to enhance its prestige.

Even should the Council decide to act, its means of action will be ineffectual as it will be impossible to define the aggressor.—Reuter.

U.S. Mediation.

Shanghai, May 11. In reference to the direct question as to whether the Nationalists intend to approach America to mediate the Tsinan case Mr. Hwang Fu stated that the matter was now under consideration by the Nationalist Government but before approaching the United States directly it was necessary

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## AN ALARMING ROAD COLLAPSE.

BURST WATER MAIN HOLDS UP TRAFFIC.

KOWLOON ACCIDENT.

The bursting of a large water main caused a serious collapse in the road on the small hill by the Kowloon ginger factory, a short distance from the place where the Laiheklok and Taiipo roads branch, yesterday afternoon.

The road collapsed quite suddenly, but luckily there was no vehicle on the particular spot although a car which was passing at the time had a narrow escape.

The incident occurred at about a quarter past three when the side of the road suddenly caved in and a column of water spouted several feet into the air. In a very short time a large amount of water was running down the hill, the paddy fields on each side getting a big share. Later on a repair gang arrived in a lorry and the flow of water was stopped.

The gap was something like six feet deep and was so wide that the large modern motor buses were not able to pass to Laiheklok, and a service had to be maintained with smaller Ford buses.

It is believed that the water pipe burst sometime previous to the collapse and the water weakened the road surface until it gave way.

MORE MOTOR TOUTS ARRESTED.

TWO FINED AT MAGISTRACY TO-DAY.

The police, following up their campaign against activities of motor-car tout, made two further arrests on Sunday, one in the Western district and the other near the Canton Wharf in Connaught Road West.

One of the arrested men had appeared only a few days ago for a similar offence and was then fined \$5. His fine was doubled this morning by Major C. Willson.

The second man who solicited for passengers on the waterfront was censured by his Worship for causing annoyance to the public, and a fine of \$5 was imposed.

ATTACK ON CHINESE WOMAN.

HANDBAG WITH \$200 SNATCHED.

According to a report made to the police, a Chinese midwife, residing at No. 2, Morrison Hill Road, was attacked at 8 o'clock last night while she was waiting for a tram at Kennedy Town.

She states that two men set on her and managed to steal a brown leather handbag which she was carrying, containing \$200 in money and other articles to the total value of \$222.

ANOTHER DAVIS CUP RESULT.

NEW ZEALAND ACCOUNTS FOR PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, May 13.

New Zealand has eliminated Portugal from the Davis Cup Competition.

The tie was played here, and New Zealand won by four matches to one.—Reuter.

FOUR ARRESTS IN YAUMATI RAID.

TWO REVOLVERS AND SOME AMMUNITION.

Four Chinese, arrested at No. 517, Shanghai Street on Saturday, were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with possession of two revolvers and twelve rounds of ammunition. The defendants were remanded till to-morrow afternoon when the case will be heard by two Magistrates.

## SEARCH FOR NEW 'REVENUE.'

SINGAPORE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

BETTING & ENTERTAINMENT TAXES POSSIBLE.

NO INCOME TAX.

Important recommendations have been made by the Opium Revenue Replacement and Taxation Committee appointed by the Singapore Government to review the proposals made by the Opium Committee in 1925 and to consider whether further taxation is necessary, and, if so, the directions in which it should be imposed.

The Committee is of opinion that an increase of taxation is not at present necessary, but it indicates certain directions in which further taxation could be imposed should the necessity arise. These include betting and entertainment taxes.

The report is signed by Messrs. L. McLean (chairman), J. Bagnall, P. M. Robinson, H. E. Nixon, Guy C. Clarke, S. J. Chan, Charles C. Dunman and Roland Braddell.

Opium Revenue.

The Committee recommends:

- that the sum standing to the credit of the Opium Revenue Replacement Reserve Fund be transferred to revenue;
- that \$40 million of the Colony's surplus be treated as "reserved surplus";
- that the whole question be reviewed by a new Committee after the next Opium Conference in 1929.

The report states:—While we do not suggest that the Colony should discontinue such measures as are being taken or should not proceed with further measures with the object of reducing consumption of opium within its territory, we do not see how opium smoking can be completely suppressed before the production of opium is under effective control in all poppy-growing countries.

Such a course of action would entail the creation of a Preventive Service of such dimensions that the finances of the Colony could not support it.

Principles of Taxation.

The general principles on which taxation in the Colony should, in our opinion, be based are as follows:—

- (1) The freedom of the ports of the Colony is the acid test by which any proposal for taxation should be first considered.
- (2) Changes in taxes should be made at infrequent intervals as a steady tax is far less harmful than one which is subject to frequent alteration.
- (3) The cost of collection and the opportunity for evasion must be relatively small.

We have endeavoured to apply these principles in making our recommendations.

Betting Tax.—Large sums of money change hands on the totalisator and by means of sweepstakes and lotteries in the Colony. Betting at race meetings can be classified as a luxury.

We are in favour of a tax of 5 per cent. on all sums staked on the totalisator and one of 10 per cent. on all sweepstakes and lotteries promoted by clubs and associations. A higher rate is suggested in the case of sweepstakes and lotteries because in this form of gambling the winners of stakes or prizes are determined by pure chance.

We consider that a reasonable tax on entertainments could be collected without difficulty and might yield an appreciable increase of revenue without being unduly burdensome.

Increased duties on Liquors and Tobacco.—These are luxuries and can in our opinion stand additional taxation when such increases become necessary.

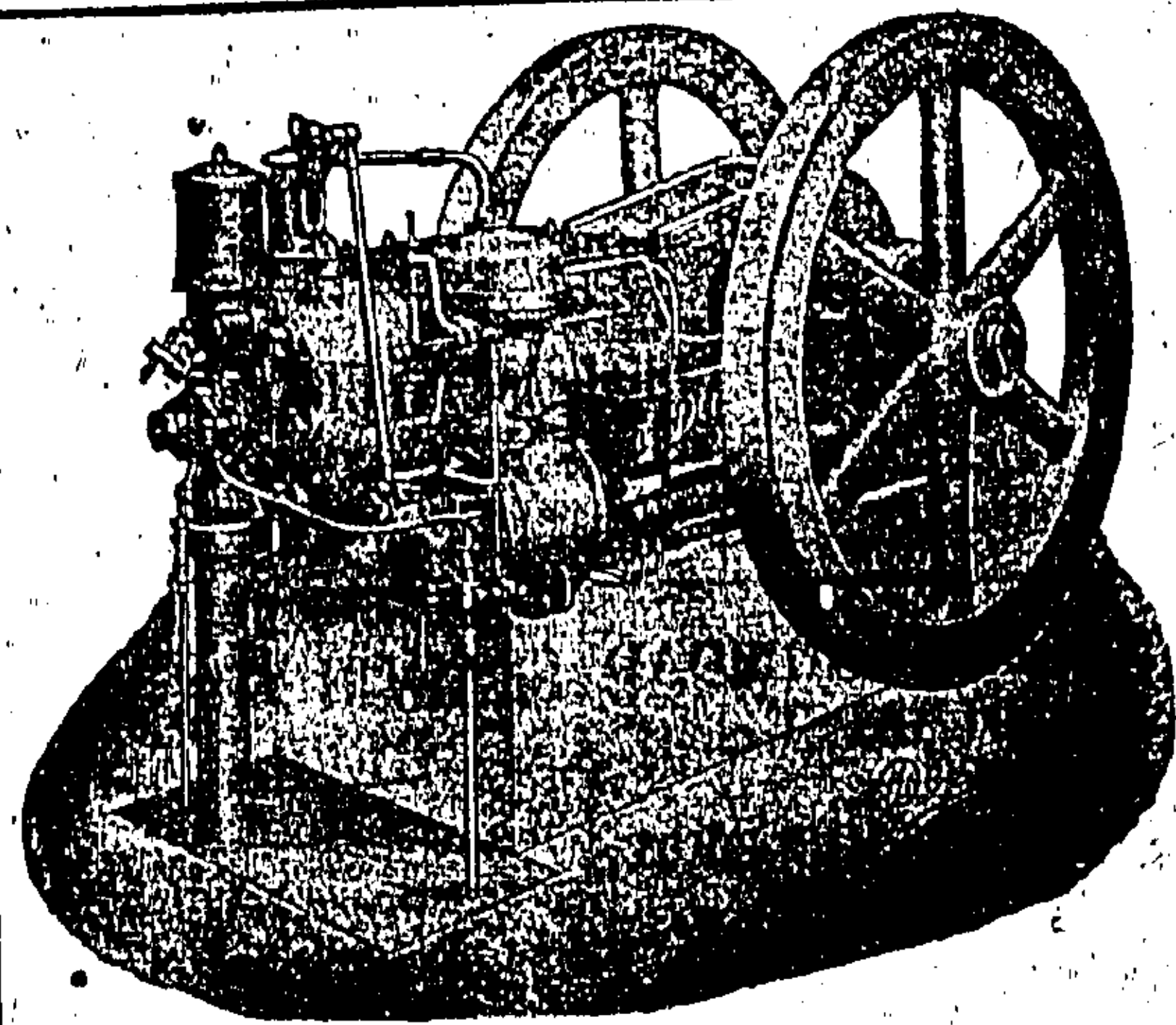
Stamp Duties.—We are not in favour of any increase of stamp duties until the necessity arises for additional taxation.

Higher Death Duties.

The items under which increases should then first be considered are Death Duties, Conveyance Duties, Promissory Notes, Transfers

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## THE CHINA CRISIS.

### FENG'S TROOPS NEARING TIENTSIN.

Shanghai, May 12.  
A message from Tientsin states that Feng Yu-hsiang's Mongolian cavalry occupied Tientsin, about a hundred miles from Tientsin, last night.—*Reuter*.

#### Unrest in Tientsin.

Tientsin, May 12.  
There is great unrest among the Chinese in Tientsin owing to the report that the Southerners who joined Feng Yu-hsiang are advancing northward and that the Feng-tien forces have evacuated Tientsin.—*Reuter*.

#### Backing on Tientsin.

Tientsin, May 12.  
On receipt of a report that advanced guards of the Southerners had reached Wuksio, the Northern commander in the eastern district has commenced a withdrawal to Machang, which is near Tientsin.—*Reuter*.

#### Apparent Arrangement.

Peking, May 12.  
The Fengtien forces have evacuated Shihkiachwang and are withdrawing to Paoting-fu. The Shansi forces have occupied Shihkiachwang, the move bearing the appearance of an arrangement between Peking and Shansi.—*Reuter*.

#### Northern Retreat.

Tientsin, May 12.  
The Northern Army has abandoned Shunleah and Shihkiachwang and has retreated to Chenting. The train service from Paoting to the south has been suspended and in the meantime Feng Yu-hsiang's forces have occupied Kueichow and are marching towards Tientsin where, contrary to earlier reports, a few Northerners still remain. Most of the Northern troops have, however, retreated northward to Tsangchow, where a fierce struggle is expected.—*Reuter*.

#### Generals Meet.

Peking, May 12.  
An important conference of the military leaders of the Northern Government is being held during the week-end.  
General Chu Yu-pu (who has charge of Chihli province) has arrived.  
General Sun Chuan-fang (who was defeated by the Southerners), General Chang Hsueh-liang (the son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin) and General Yang Yu-ting (Chief of General Staff) are due to-morrow. They will discuss with Marshal Chang Tso-lin the Northern attitude towards the situation in Shantung province after which an official announcement is expected.—*Reuter*.

#### Japanese Fear Death of the Commissioner.

Peking, May 12.  
As regards the fate of Mr. Tsal Kung-shih (the Nationalist Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tientsin), whom the Chinese said had been murdered by the Japanese, the Japanese now fear that he is dead.  
Apparently, when the Japanese took over his yamen, he was not there. During the fighting, he attempted with a party of Chinese soldiers to enter or approach the Foreign Affairs Bureau which Japanese soldiers were holding. The whole party was mown down by machine-guns.—*Reuter*.

#### More Captures Claimed.

Shanghai, May 13, (7.10 p.m.).  
Yen Hsi-shan claims the capture of Tsangchow by the forces who are marching on Tientsin.—*Reuter*.

#### Premier's Statement.

Tokyo, May 12.  
The Premier, Baron Tanaka, speaking to Pressmen, stated that now that immediate danger in the Tientsin neighbourhood had been removed, he had instructed competent authorities to use diploma-

## COMMUNIST UNIONS.

### DENOUNCED BY AMERICAN LABOUR LEADER.

Boston, May 13.  
Mr. W. Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, in an announcement speaks violently against the increasing Communist influence in the United States' labour unions and declares that when it reaches a point that the Communists gain control of the affiliated union that union will be wiped out and another formed to fight it.—*Reuter's American Service*.

tic means to settle the Tsinan affair with the Chinese.

Advancing the opinion that the clash was instigated by communists of the Nationalist Army, Baron Tanaka emphasised that Japan had no intention of interfering with the military operations of the Southerners, but owing to the possibility of the Southerners pressing towards Peking and Tientsin and fighting in that region, it is necessary for the Powers to reach a full understanding for the protection of foreigners.—*Reuter*.

#### Japanese Casualties.

Tsingtao, May 12.  
Forty Japanese officers and men are reported to have been killed and 143 injured, including 67 seriously, since May 3.—*Reuter*.

#### Aircraft Arrives.

Tsingtao, May 12.  
The Japanese aeroplane carrier Notohoro arrived here yesterday.—*Reuter*.

#### New Conditions.

Tsingtao, May 12.  
Tsinan is free of Southern troops.

The Japanese Consul and commanders invited the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, at an interview, to take complete control of the administrative powers of Tsinan, including the telegraphs, lighting and police, while the Japanese control the banditry and plainclothes intruders.

The large shops are still closed. Smaller shops and restaurants are running as usual.—*Reuter*.

#### American Comment.

Geneva, May 11.  
The Note sent to the Secretary of the League of Nations by the Nanking Nationalist Government accuses the Japanese of firing on Chinese soldiers and killing Chinese civilians without provocation at Tsinanfu on May 3, and thereafter bombarding the residential quarter, killing and wounding over a thousand.

The Note further states that the Japanese cut off the nose of the local Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and shot him, with three subordinates.  
A further accusation is that the Japanese sent an impossible ultimatum and then resumed the fighting without waiting for a reply.

The Note claims that the Chinese authorities throughout acted with great moderation, and it begs the League to call on Japan immediately to end the warfare and withdraw her troops. The Note also asks for an international enquiry and arbitration.—*Reuter*.

#### Where Does U.S. Stand?

Shanghai, May 13, (7.10 p.m.).  
A message from Nanking states that the Nationalist Government has called President Coolidge calling attention to the "fact that Japanese troops have invaded Shantung and are actually waging war against China, etc. We have throughout exercised the utmost self restraint trusting that the cause of international peace and justice is a common concern of civilised nations. Our people all remember that the final settlement of the Shantung question was effected by the good offices of the friendly powers, specially the United States and we desire to know the attitude of the American

## FOREIGN CAPITAL.

### BRITISH AND AMERICAN COMPARISONS.

Washington, May 13.  
An agreement on the final form of the McNary Kauger Farm Relief Bill was reached at the Senate and the House of Representatives conference, but it is still expected that the President will veto it.  
President Coolidge vetoed similar legislation last year as unconstitutional. The present Bill seeks to establish a loan fund of \$30,000,000 for farmers and an equalisation fee to assist in the profitable marketing of surplus agricultural commodities.

#### Investment Statistics.

From the Commerce Department of Statistics it appears that foreign capital flotation in Great Britain and the United States reached new high levels in 1927. America has now furnished more funds for Latin-America, Canada and Europe than Britain, but the totals of British investment in America and the Far East still considerably exceed the United States' total.

British foreign investments for 1920-1927 inclusive are estimated at \$4,121,000,000, while the United States' foreign investments for the same period total \$6,836,000,000.

The Conference of the Committee representing the House of Representatives and the Senate has agreed to the text of the Merchant Marine Bill. No doubt is expressed that it will pass both Houses, but predictions are heard that President Coolidge is likely to veto it in the interests of economy.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Government and people towards this grave situation created by Japan.—*Reuter*.

#### Northern Comment.

Tientsin, May 12.  
Commenting on the Tsinan incident, the American-owned *North China Star* (published in Tientsin) says that despite the millions of armed men, China's militarism has just received a ludicrous setback.  
Chiang Kai-shek, hailed as a new Washington and Napoleon entered Tsinan at the head of 40,000 men. There he met 3,000 Japanese troops who, in Chiang Kai-shek's words, bullied his victorious forces, disarmed many of them and chased them from Tsinan.

The journal adds that the Japanese are building an aeroplane at Tientsin and ignoring the protests of another Chinese militarist, Chang Tso-lin. It is of the opinion that China's sole hope lies in the appeal to Geneva; but if she goes to the League of Nations, it must be with clean hands.—*Reuter*.

#### Amoy Ports Shelled.

Amoy, May 13, (11 p.m.).  
The northern cruiser Haichi entered the outer harbour this morning at 3.30 and fired 6 or 7 shells at the forts on either side of the harbour entrance and then steamed away out of range. The forts replied without result.—*Reuter*.

#### Big Arms Cargo.

Amoy, May 13, (11 p.m.).  
The Norwegian steamer, Vale, remains in the harbour. It is stated that some munitions from the vessel have been unloaded. It is reported that 1,500 rifles, twenty machine guns, one million rounds of rifle ammunition and a few fieldguns are aboard.—*Reuter*.

#### Amoy, May 13, (11 p.m.).

The submarine tender Titanin with four submarines arrived yesterday and is going north on the 16th.—*Reuter*.

#### Boycott Becoming Rigorous.

Amoy, May 13, (11 p.m.).  
Though the feeling against the Japanese is rising, no untoward incidents have hitherto occurred. The anti-Japanese boycott, however, is becoming more rigorous.—*Reuter*.

## OBITUARY.

### DEATH OF FORMER HONG- KONG SOLICITOR.

News was received in Hongkong by cable last evening of the death of Mr. J. W. Goldring, the well-known Shanghai solicitor, and a former resident of the Colony. It is understood that Mr. Goldring had been ill for some little time and he passed away yesterday morning.

The late Mr. Philip Wallace Goldring has many friends in the Colony, where he resided and practised as a solicitor for the long period of seventeen years, leaving for Shanghai about eight years ago. Fifty-three years of age, Mr. Goldring was born at Crouch End, Middlesex, and was the son of Mr. Thomas Wallace Goldring, of 20 Church Lane, London, E.C. He was educated at Woking School and Clifton College and later at Trinity College, Oxford, where he obtained his B. A. degree in 1896. Three years later he was admitted to practice in England as a solicitor, and subsequently came out to Hongkong, joining the firm of Bruton, Hett and Goldring until April, 1906, when he started on his own account. He took a great interest in various public activities. During the war he served for one year with the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, six months with the Chinese Labour Corps and for two years with the Hongkong Special Police Reserve. He was married on January 29, 1919.

Since he has been in Shanghai, Mr. Goldring paid several brief visits to Hongkong. Three or four years ago he was down here in connection with the dispute over the Chinese Club-Hongkong Derby Sweep representing a Northern claimant in the arbitration proceedings.

Mr. Goldring took a very great interest in sport, and was a member of a number of sporting clubs. Among these was the Shanghai Race Club, the International Recreation Club and the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association. He was also a member of the Hongkong and Shanghai clubs.  
His many friends in the Colony will regret to hear of his decease, and will extend sympathy with Mrs. Goldring in the heavy bereavement she has been called upon to bear.

#### Sergeant MacFadden.

We regret to record the death which took place yesterday afternoon of Sergeant MacFadden of the Hongkong Police Force. He died in the Government Civil Hospital after being a patient there for about two months, the late police officer having been in different health for some time. He joined the Hongkong Police three or four years ago and proved himself a capable officer. His many colleagues, with whom he was very popular, received the news of his death with considerable regret. The funeral will probably take place this afternoon.

## INDIAN RAIL STRIKE.

### EXPLANATION OF THE RECENT COURT ACTION.

Calcutta, May 12.  
With reference to the conflicting reports published abroad regarding the findings of the District Magistrate it may be stated that District Magistrate Guru Dutt who was an Indian Civil servant before his appointment as Magistrate and is now an officially nominated legislator in Bengal, heard the case and rejected the strikers' petition, but, as cabled, incidentally censured Capt. Christie, who appeared as a witness but was not among the accused.—*Reuter*.

[An earlier message stated: The District Magistrate, reporting on the military firing during the rail strike riot, severely censured Captain G. H. Christie, commanding the Eastern Frontier Rifles, who opened fire on the orders of the Superintendent of Police.]



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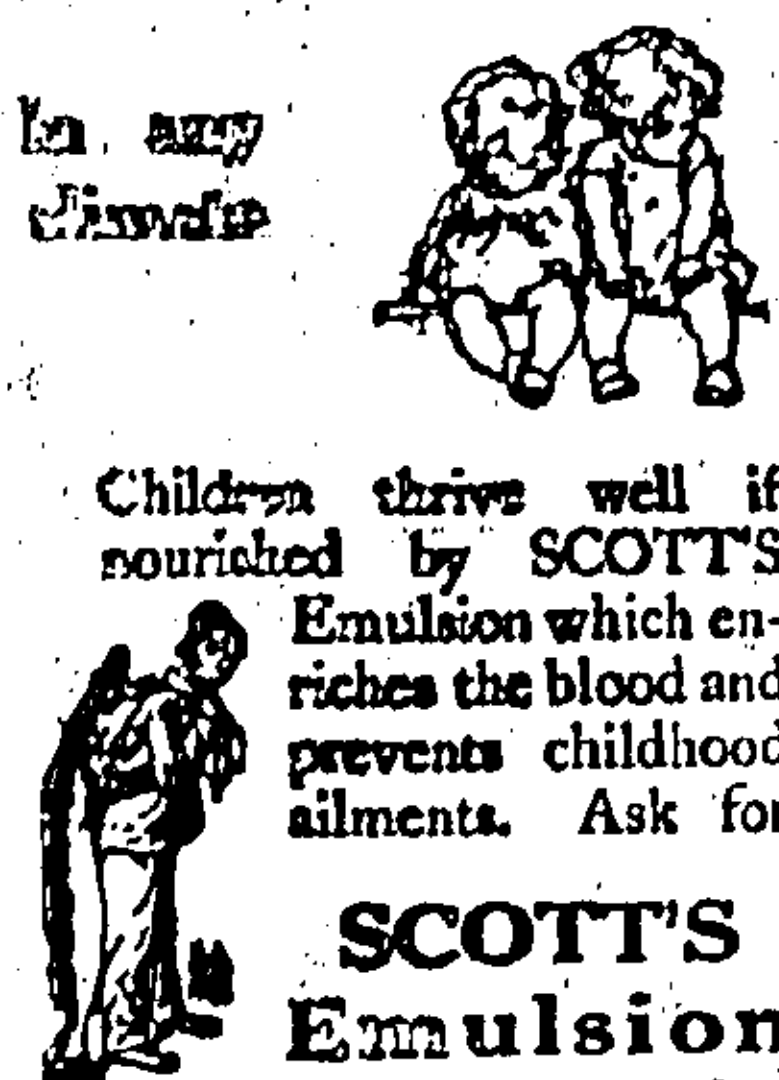
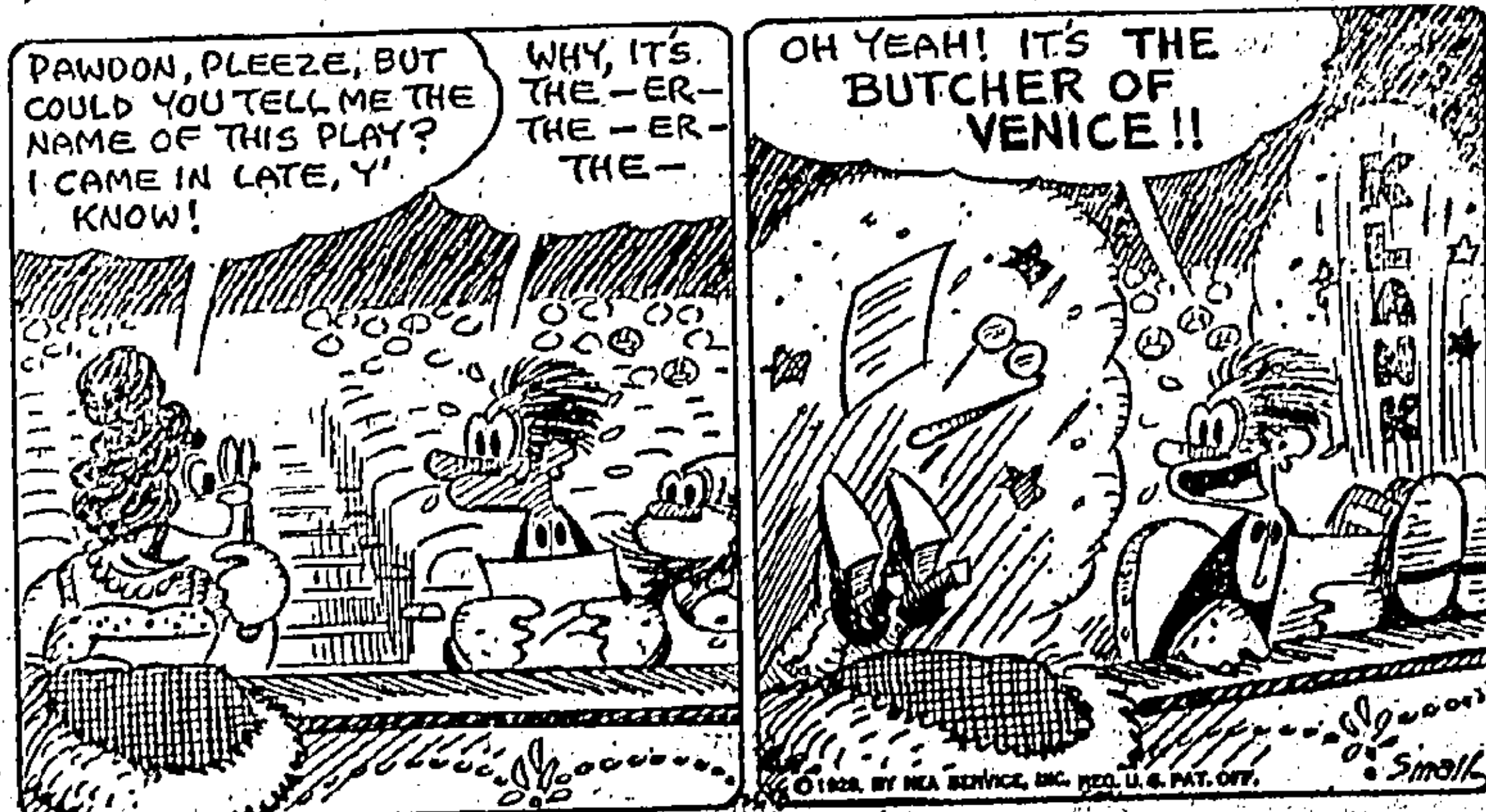
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An incident in the match between the U. S. Marines and Army at Shanghai recently showing the Army pack healing the ball cleanly and the Army scrum half getting the three under way. The match was very keenly fought out, though the Army won by the substantial margin of 27 points to three.



Spring, represented in a tableau vivant, at the Danish soiree held at the French Municipal College Shanghai recently.



Group taken at the "Ruth Atkins' Home," Changchow, of the hospital staff, gathered for the annual party held by Miss Ella D. Loveritt. A special occasion marking the event was Miss Leveritt's twentieth anniversary in Changchow. Rev. Z. A. Faung, pastor at Changchow, is seen standing in the centre of the front row, Miss Everitt is standing at the back of the group.



Sir William Carter, mayor of Windsor, England, is 80 years old but believes he can beat the Prince of Wales in a bicycle race. The contest, if staged, will be for the benefit of charity.



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General Chien Ta-chuen, Garrison Commander of the Shanghai Woosung Area, was recently installed in office at the Lungwa Yamen. Photo shows the General seated in the centre of the group. Thousands of Chinese and a few foreigners were present at the ceremony.



These are the men who played the leading roles in bringing the submarine S-4 to the surface from her three-months' grave on the bottom of Provincetown Harbour.







## TEACHERS' SALARY SCALES.

## CAMBRIDGE CONFERENCE ALARMED.

## ULTIMATUM BY UNION.

Strenuous opposition to any reduction in the salary scales of teachers as embodied in the Burnham Agreement found expression at the conference of the National Union of Teachers at Cambridge.

Events in Abertillery, where teachers have been asked to accept a reduction of 10 per cent. in their salaries, caused alarm at the conference, and a resolution, which, however, did not mention Abertillery specifically, was passed expressing grave concern at suggestions for reductions in the scales which would destroy the integrity of the Burnham award.

Mr. Mander, who moved the resolution, declared that it was made imperative by recent action in Abertillery.

"If we have to choose between the consequences of dislocation of the education services in a locality on the one hand," he said, "or the dislocation of our national agreement on the other, we shall not hesitate. We shall choose the dislocation of the services in the locality."

This may be taken as the ultimatum of the Union, as the threat of a strike of the teachers in an area where a reduction is brought forward.

Cambridge.—The Abertillery debate had been carefully stage-managed. In the resolution the word "Abertillery" was not even mentioned, and it appeared to have been arranged that no member of the Conference who came from Wales should speak.

The resolution itself was a general one, calling attention to the existence of a national salaries agreement, embodied in the Burnham award. Then it expressed grave concern over the suggestions now being made in certain areas for reductions in the scales "which would destroy the integrity of the award."

In the resolution also was an expression of deep sympathy with the areas suffering from industrial distress, but it was suggested that the local infringements of an arbitrary award offered no solution to the problem. Although there was no mention of Abertillery in the resolution, it soon began to be mentioned in the speeches.

The mover of the resolution was Mr. Mander, and he said that recent events in Abertillery had rendered the step of talking about salaries inevitable.

## Threat of Strike.

He went into the history of the Burnham agreement in some detail, saying that the whole idea of the national agreement was stabilisation. Mr. Mander said also that there were indications of other authorities copying the bad example of Abertillery in endeavouring to break away from the Burnham award.

Then came this significant declaration, which may be taken as the ultimatum of this Union:

If we have to choose between the consequences of the dislocation of the Education services in a locality on the one hand, or the dislocation of our national agreement on the other, we shall not hesitate, and shall choose the dislocation of the service in the locality.

That, of course, is the threat of a strike of teachers in the area. Mr. Mander did not conceal that, and said: "If the attitude be questioned, my reply is that it is a disgrace to the local authority concerned that teachers should be driven to make such a choice in order to maintain an agreement nationally made."

The seceder of this resolution, Mr. H. J. Jackson, of Nottingham, reminded the Conference of the conversations now taking place between a representative group of employers and the Trades Union Congress, saying that no peace was possible unless both sides agreed that in any settlement the principles embodied in the agreement would not be varied in any way by either of the contracting parties.

Mr. J. Chuter Ede, of Epsom, in supporting the resolution, said that the principal industry of Epsom was not suffering from distress. He had a lot to say about the incidence of the education rate in various localities, and pleaded for a better distribution of the burden.

Before putting the resolution, which was carried, the President announced that the Union had decided to open a subscription list for the distressed areas, and every teacher in the land would be asked to make a generous response.

There was a large meeting of members of Local Education Authorities, who are in Cambridge at the invitation of the teachers. The subject of discussion was the choice of employment.

The Vice-Chancellor presided, and the arranged speakers were Sir Horace Wilson, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour; Dr. P. D. Innes, Director of Education for Birmingham; and Mr. Frank Henley, London Employers' Association.

This gathering was remarkable for an appeal from Sir Horace Wilson to local authorities and to employers regarding juvenile labour. It may be remembered that Sir Horace Wilson, as a member of a Government Committee, has been recently visiting the distressed areas. He said that unemployment, as a whole, was not serious for young persons under 18, but in some of the colliery areas it was serious, and its results were extremely bad.

He had seen a large number of boys under 18 who had not done any work at all since they left school. Many hundreds of boys from 15 to 18 were in the Juvenile Employment Exchanges, which the Government had opened in those districts. It was vital that they should find work for those boys in other places.

His appeal was to members of Local Education Authorities and employers to help in the task. This problem was now a concrete one, but if it could be spread out, it would cease to exist. If they could get three or four boys taken over by each exchange in the country, the problem would be solved.

He also spoke of the evils of casual labour among boys, and appealed to employers to try to arrange their businesses as to provide avenues to adult employment within the firm for the boys and girls taken on.

Dr. Innes described what was being done in Birmingham, and said that now no fewer than 5,000 firms looked to the local employment committees as their main source of supply for juvenile labour.

In Birmingham they had 1,300 voluntary helpers in this work, and everything was approached from that after care and welfare point of view, and the contact between employers and the schools was becoming closer every day.

Mr. Henley pleaded for closer co-operation between the parents, the child, the teacher, the Advisory Committee, and the future employer. He also urged the raising of the school age to 15.

Mr. Spurlay Hey, Director of Education for Manchester, strongly appealed for the raising of the school age as a means of lessening unemployment. He also said that the greatest movement in education during the next 20 years would concern the relationship between education and industry.

Numbers of pilgrims, many from Glasgow, Manchester, and Bolton, have visited the shrine at Carfingro, near Motherwell, Lanarkshire, known as the "Scottish Lourdes" because of the miraculous cures said to have taken place there.

## WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## Insomnia.

[By Maurice Lane-Norcott.]

Thirty-two sheep, thirty-three sheep, thirty... Well, would you believe it? I've lost the sheep now! I've thought of an orange, and it's put the whole flock straight out of my head. Just as I had got them to jump so nicely over the gate, too. Oh, well, I'd better start again, I suppose.

It is no good. I can't start again. Directly I shut my eyes I can only see the orange. It is lying on the top of a mole-hill quite near where the sheep were, and a cow is looking at it. I wonder if the cow would jump over the moon? No, it won't. It won't even jump over the orange. I don't know why I bother to imagine such a useless cow. I shall never go to sleep counting a cow like that.

I think I will cut the orange in half and plant the seeds and see if any trees will grow from them. Well, that's funny. I've grown fifteen small trees already and they are covered with little oranges.

I wonder how many there are? I had better count them. One little orange, two little oranges, three... Oh, go away, you sickening creatures! Really everything goes wrong to-night. The beastly sheep have come back now and eaten my oranges.

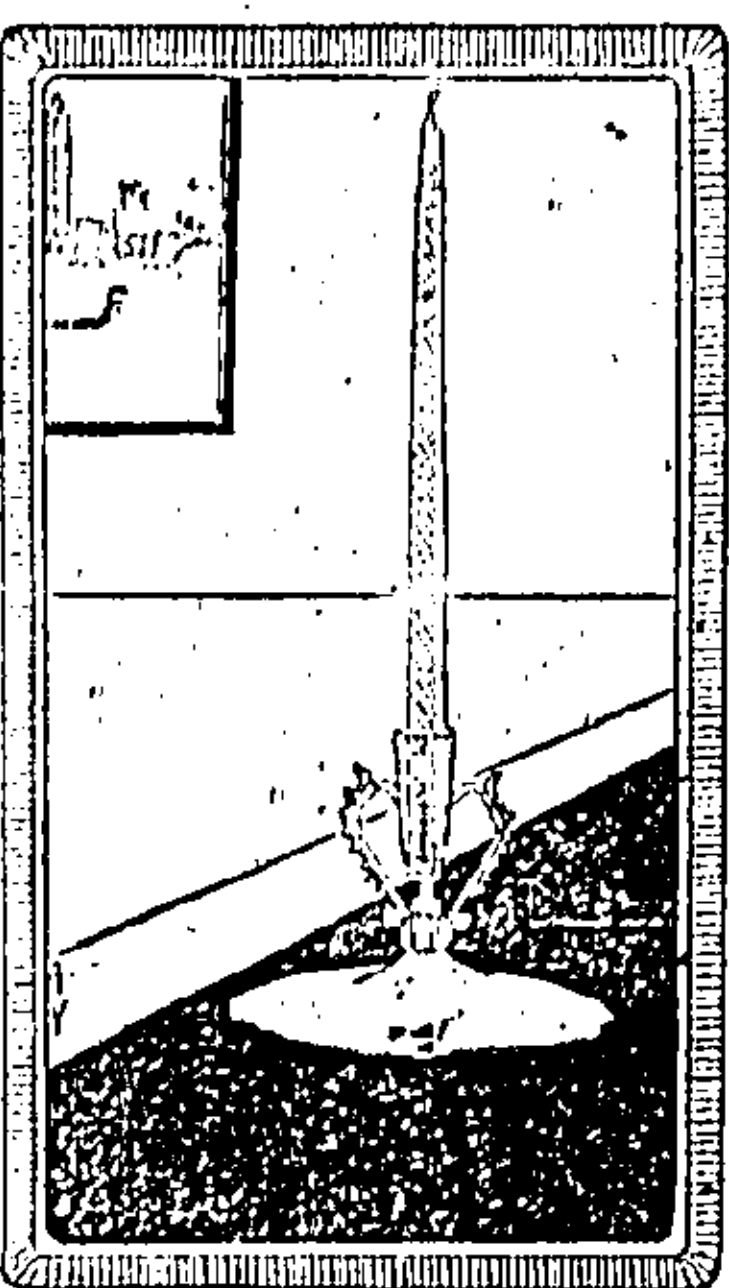
They say that oranges are good for the blood. I suppose they fatten the corpuses or something. It is pretty ghastly to think that a man is just a mass of corpuses. You wouldn't imagine so to look at him. Not in his hat and everything. He is, though. Underneath the skin he is just a swarm of corpuses.

I'll bet I couldn't count corpuses. If fifty or sixty corpuses got loose and hit on a man's cheek I am sure I couldn't count them jumping over his nose.

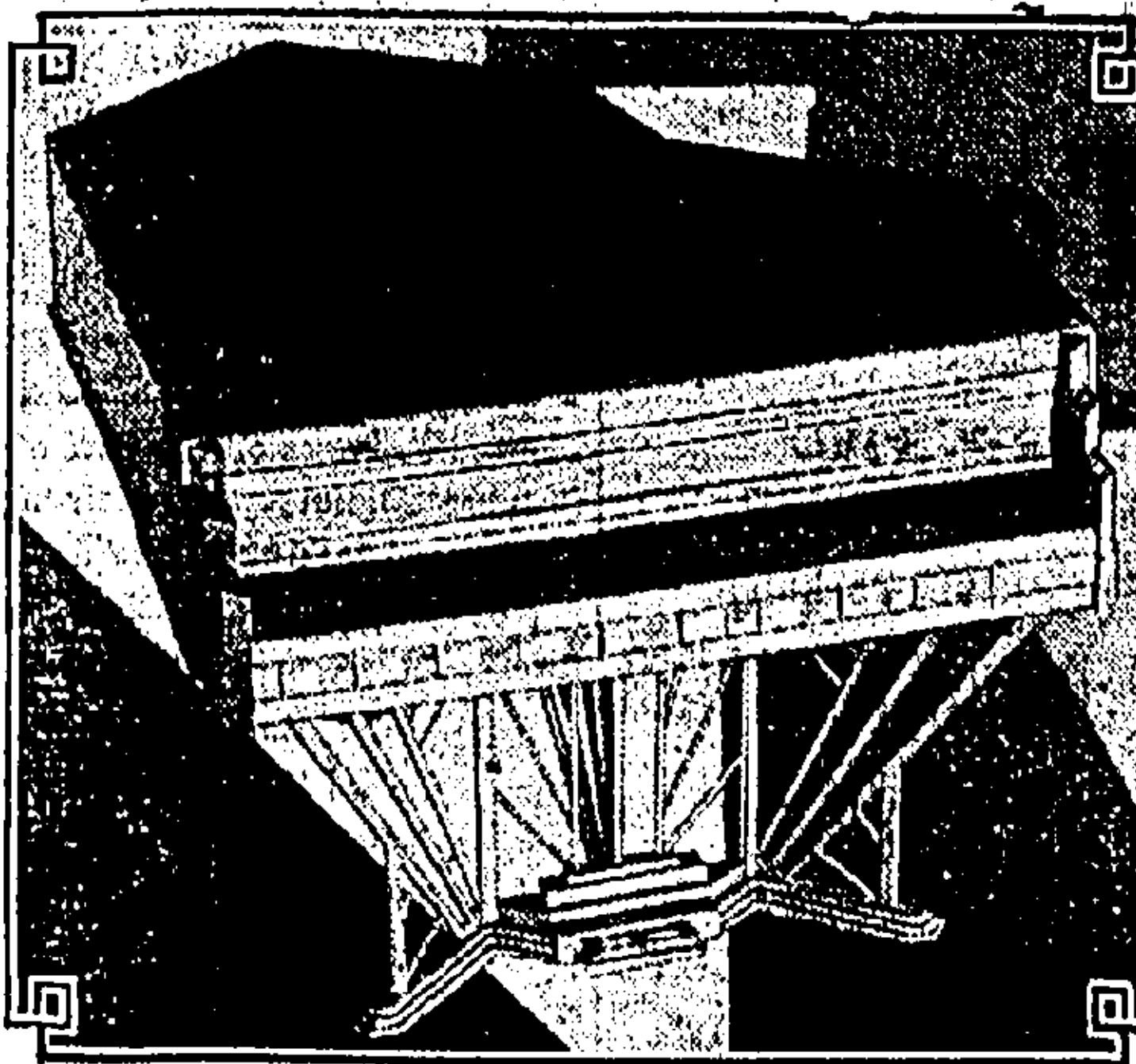
Well, I might. No, it is just as I thought. I can't do it. The little things are too shy. Directly they see me looking at them they run away and hide in his ear.

A clock struck two then. I counted that all right. It is only ONE—TWO—THREE—FOUR—FIVE—SIX—SEVEN hours to breakfast now.

## Distinguished.



A very smart touch is this yellow and green glass candle stick, with its large, well-proportioned base.



Here is a "modernique" piano supported by a graceful network of colourful metal. The case is finished in marble, is angular instead of curved, and has "set-backs" like modern skyscrapers.

Modernism in furniture has won another victory. Pianos, the last stronghold of conservative art in decoration, have succumbed to the seductive charm of the new.

Sedate Jacobean grand pianos and delicate upright Queen Annas have gone "modernique"—and exchanged their conventional shapes for new ones and surrendered their well-known piano legs for intriguing underpinnings of an entirely new structure.

## Secure Skyscraper Effects.

Eminent modernists, such as Lee Simonson, Helen Dryden and Edward Steichen have joined aesthetic forces to evolve pianos that fit in with an interior where effects simulate skyscraper lights and shadows, where chairs take the new tub shape and sofas are daisies.

The traditional black walnut and polished mahogany surfaces are supplanted by new cases of extremely original and decorative design. There is colour and much snip to some of the pianos where new woods and inlaid work in leathers, wood veneers, metals, marble and cork work out modernistic effects.

## Borrow Bridge Structure.

In one grand piano the formidable buttresses have given way to a delicate network of metal supports that look something like a beautiful bridge structure. Here is lightness as well as strength and the architecture of the support suggests the fascinating set-backs of tall buildings.

The case, which has angles, instead of traditional curves, is a gorgeously colourful affair in black, green, red and gold leaf. Another novelty is a delicate, diminutive piano called "The Butterfly" with a key-board only four feet, six inches, said to be the smallest true piano yet produced. Mirrors inlaid in the legs and on the under side of the key-board give it a twinkling twentieth century brightness.

## Beautifying the Upright.

Another upright piano is orchid and silver in colour and in structure has skyscraper set-backs for the base, the keyboard, cover and music rack. It is a dainty, beautiful music box that, instead of taking up just so much space in a room, can somehow gracefully fade into a background of silver and deeper lavender.

Other "modernique" pianos take futuristic designs of flowers in gay colours and also such mundane things as modernists' joy in putting into decoration—tacks, ice picks, cups and saucers, and so on.

Novel these pianos undoubtedly are. But they sound the spirit of the times, and probably they point to a day when no piano will be an alien piece of furniture in a modern room. By its structure and design, each piano will contribute to the feeling of beautiful serenity that the best of the modern rooms achieve.

Of course, it is far too long, I can see that. No man should be compelled to wait seven hours for his next meal. It is enough to kill him. If he requires four good meals during the day-time, it stands to reason he needs just one or two at night. But there, people who sleep are so selfish. They have no thought for anybody but themselves.

Well, I shall just imagine a poached egg, that's all.

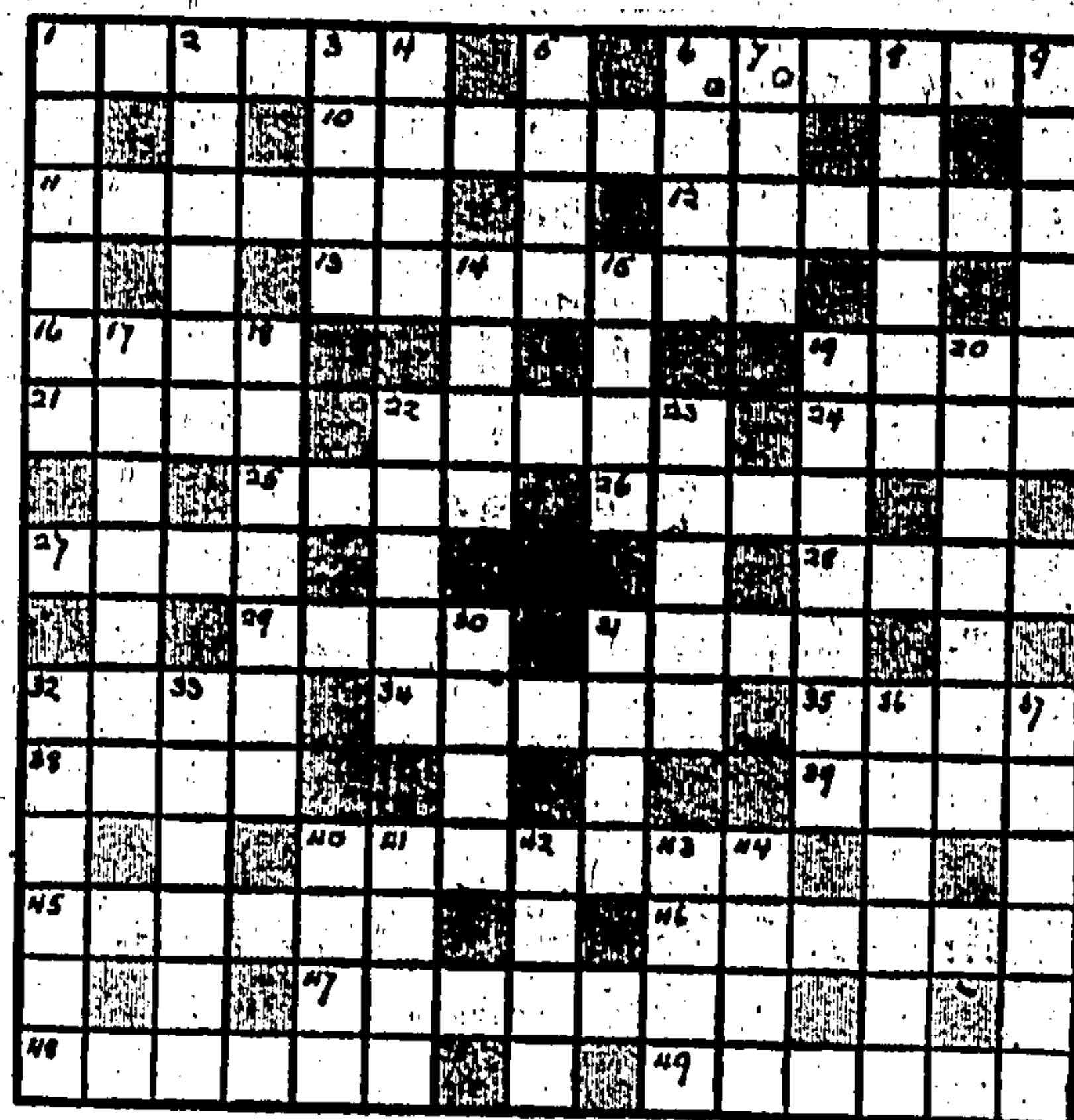
It is a very high-spirited poached egg that I have imagined. It is extremely fresh. Go on—jump over the loast. Now do it again. Oh, look out, stupid! Mind the ceiling! There! What did I tell you? You've broken yourself now. And all the King's horses and all the King's....

One horse, two horses.... three horses and a sheep.... sleep.... sleep.... sleep.... sleep....

## Reading Lamps.

Reading in bed is a luxury indulged in by most folks. That is the reason there is such an embarrassing choice of bedside lamps upon the market. One of the most popular types is that which fixes on the head of the bed, so that the light is behind the reader. Recently a noticeable improvement has been effected in some lights of this kind. The shade bulb is covered with two shades, the outer and pretty one which is for effect and an inner shade of plain lightcoloured silk. This second surrounds the light more closely, and is made on a frame which revolves. This may be adjusted at will, so that the density or brightness of the light is entirely under control according to desire.

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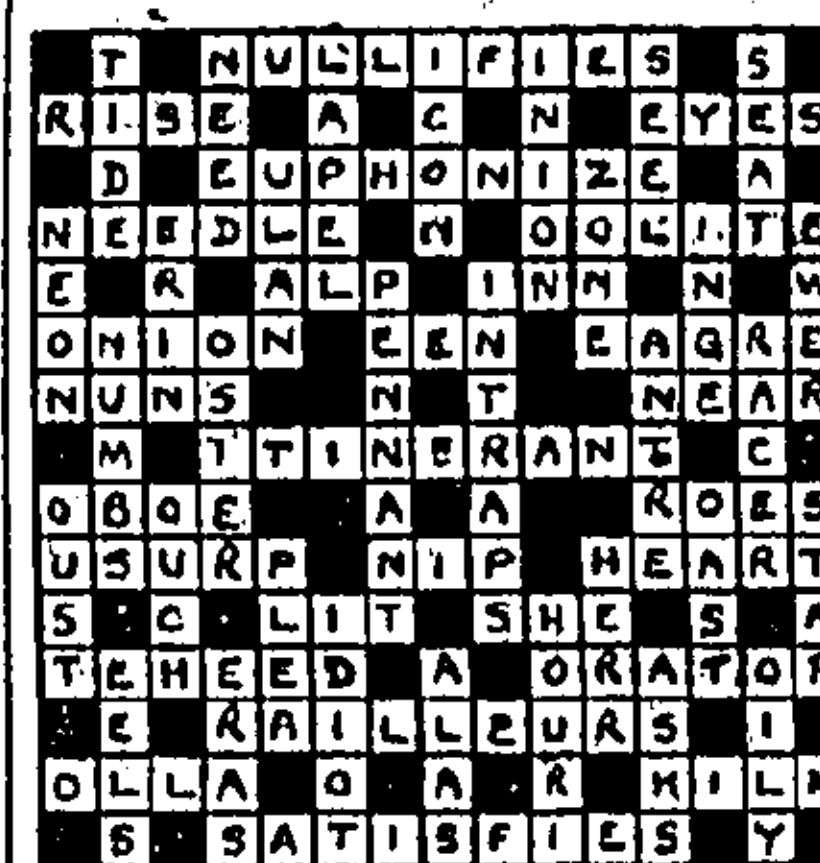
## Across.

- 1 Brisk (Music).
- 6 Stayed.
- 10 Fundamental.
- 11 Scarfs worn over the shoulder.
- 12 First day of August.
- 13 Atmospheric conditions at any particular time.
- 16 Young hawk.
- 19 Large mass of ice.
- 21 Rivulet.
- 22 Sky-blue.
- 24 Common metal.
- 25 Not working.
- 26 Protruded.
- 27 Flick.
- 28 Single.
- 29 Intercourse.
- 31 Watery vapour.
- 32 Grecian goddess of youth.
- 34 Term applied to French law excluding females from throne.
- 35 Finishes.
- 38 Hebrew month.
- 39 Composition for two.
- 40 Military shop.
- 46 Scamp.
- 48 Hair of Angora goat.
- 47 Feeling shame.
- 49 Serene.
- 49 Moistened with water.

## Down.

- 1 The evening star.
- 2 Pure.
- 3 Ship's company.
- 4 Comfort.
- 5 Pith of the matter.
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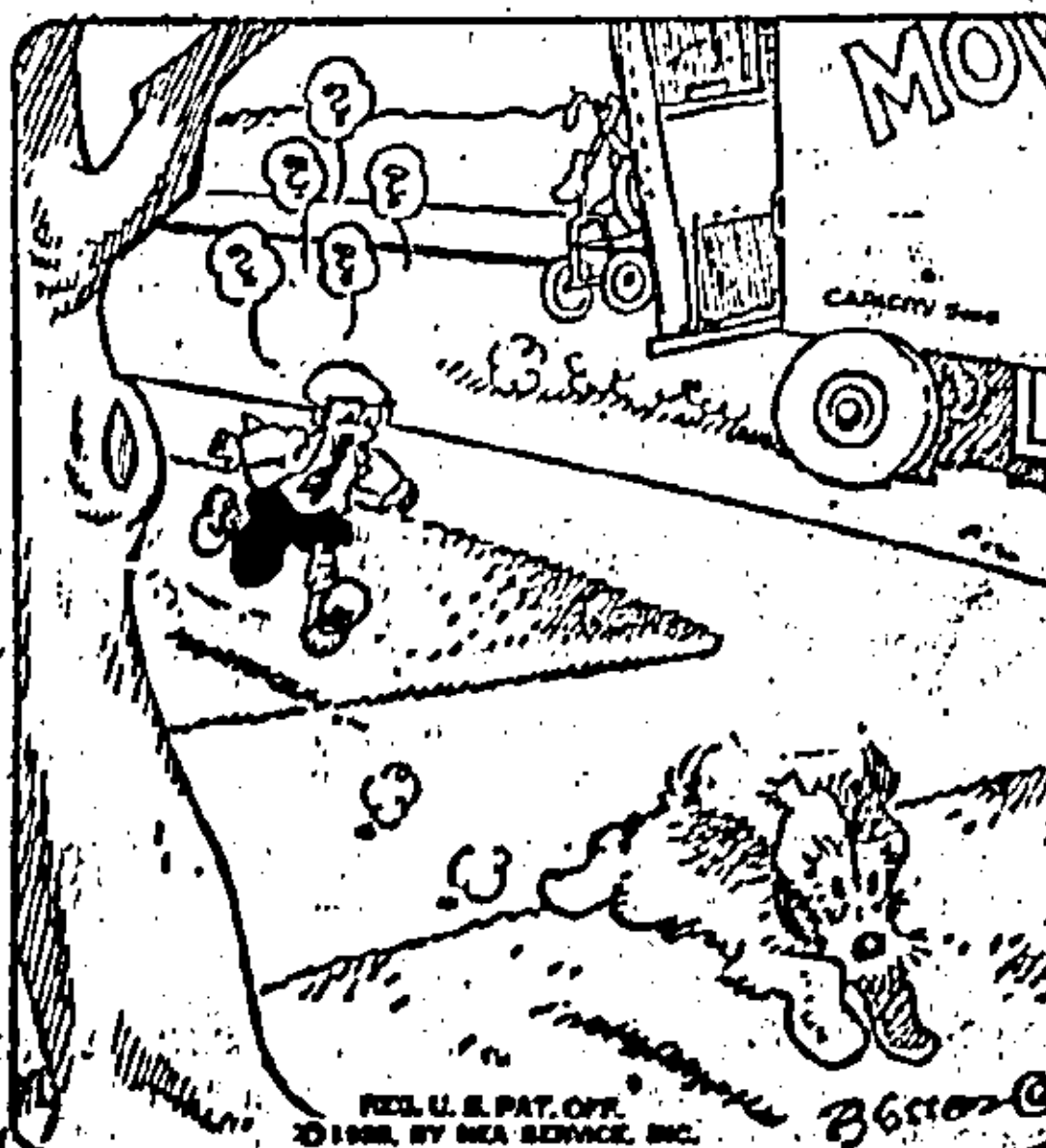
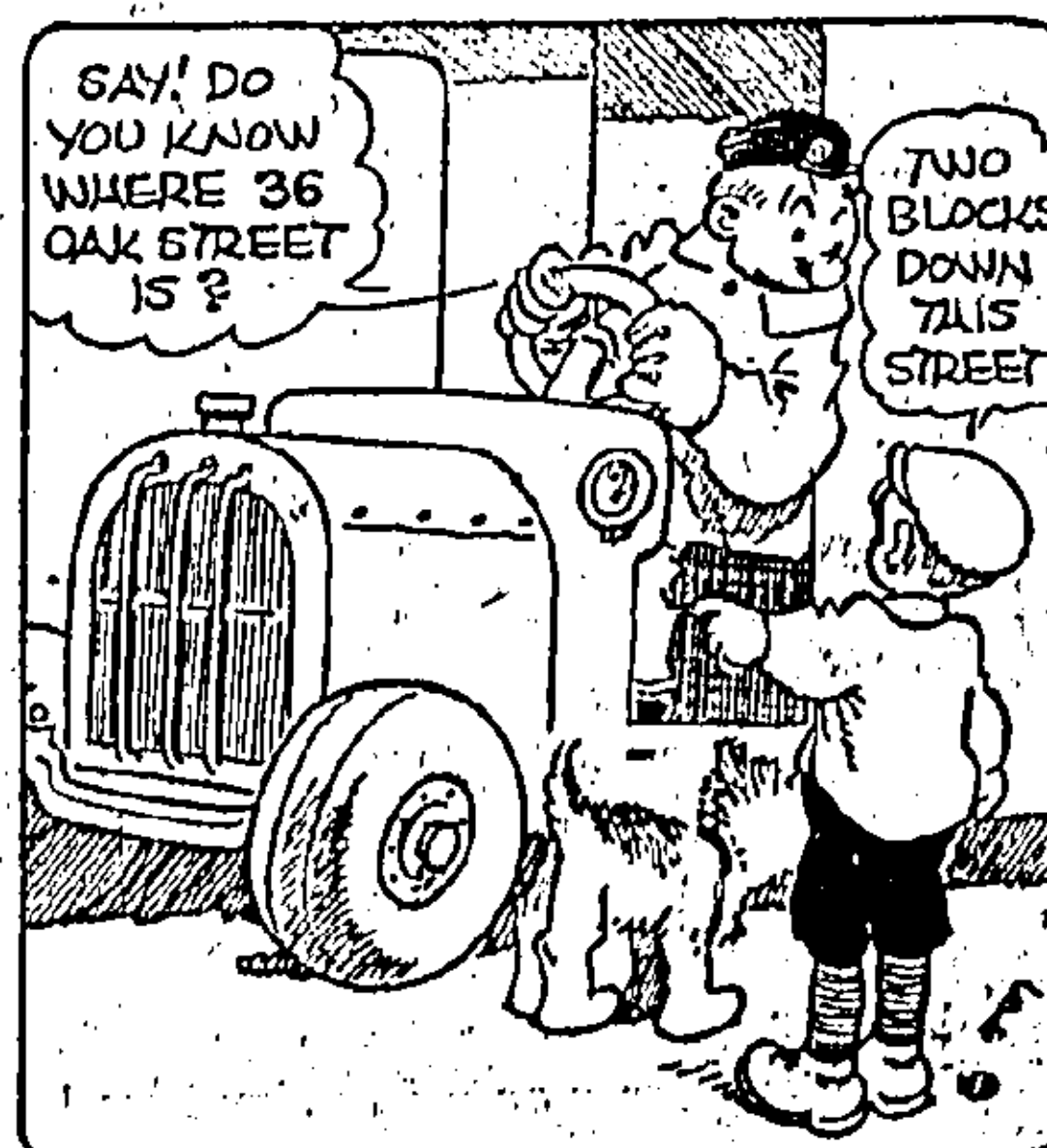
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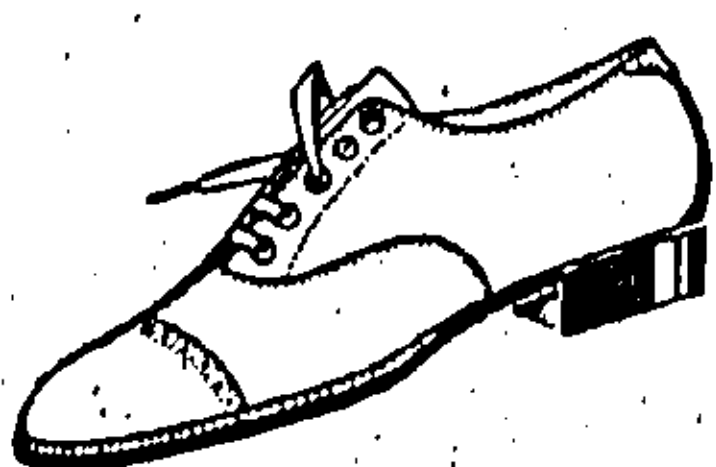
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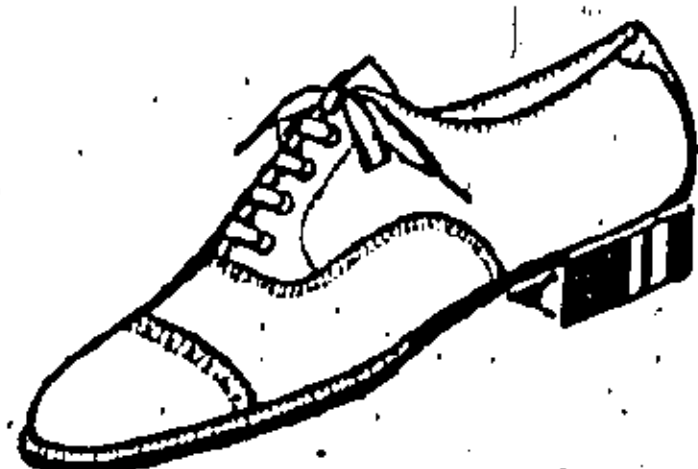
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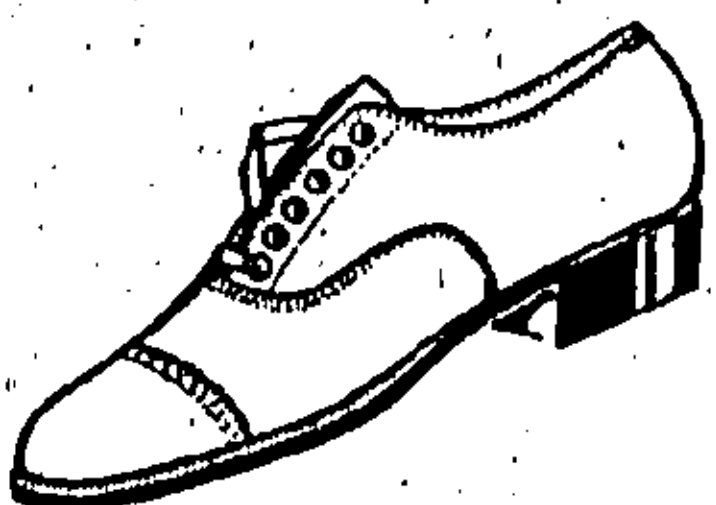
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## CHINA &amp; THE LEAGUE.

It will be interesting to see the outcome of the appeal made by the Nationalist Government in Nanking to the League of Nations asking for the summoning of the League Council to intervene and terminate a situation which is prejudicial to peace between China and Japan. Although technically out of order, for the reason that the Nationalist Government is not a member of the League, the appeal has been circulated to all members of the Council. The technical point could, of course, be overcome by some member of the League endorsing the appeal, and in this connexion the Peking Government is mentioned. Inasmuch as Peking has, like Nanking, protested to Japan concerning the latter's actions in Shantung, endorsement from that quarter ought not to be difficult to obtain, except for the rumours of the impending break-up of the Peking Government, in which event there would be no Administration to speak for China. However, with a continuance of the Nationalist advance, the Southerners may soon be in possession of Peking, in which case they would no doubt claim to be the rightful successors of the Chang Tso-lin regime and therefore be in a position to invoke the aid of the League on behalf of China as a whole.

As might be expected, the Nationalist Government, in its Note to the Secretary of the League, cites Japan as the aggressors, and in this connexion it puts forward its own version of the origin of the trouble. Japan will doubtless dispute the allegations made, and, if so disposed, give a totally different account of the affair. A nice point is raised by Nanking's suggestion that the League should request Japan to withdraw her troops from Shantung immediately. From the standpoint of the aggrieved party, the request is natural, but Japan has from the very start disclaimed the least intention of aggression. She has

contended that the 'despatch' of troops to Shantung was dictated by the necessity of protecting the lives and interests of her nationals, and we cannot see her readily surrendering that standpoint. Most of the Powers have preserved to themselves the right to take what action is deemed necessary in China for protective purposes, and Japan would probably argue that if the sending of troops to Shantung has been followed by untoward events, the fault lies not with herself, but with the Chinese Nationalists. So far from the Japanese regarding themselves as being to blame, they evidently consider themselves the victims of organized outrages on the part of the Chinese soldiery, and their newspapers are talking of the demanding of adequate reparations therefor.

Assuming that the dispute comes before the Council of the League, what are the prospects of successful intervention on its part? There have been many efforts in recent times to strengthen the authority of the League, and it has well been said that hopes for its future utility depend to a very large extent on thoroughgoing, impartial preliminary investigation of problems which come before it. Commenting on that point, a leading Home Journal recently remarked: "When a dispute has reached what we may term the last degree of gravity, when there is an imminent danger of armed conflict, when States are arrayed in opposing factions, deeply committed to partisanship on the matter in dispute, our faith in the efficacy of the League is small. . . . In other words, diplomacy is at its best at the crisis of a dispute, at its worst when the trouble is brewing; whereas it is when the trouble is brewing that the advantages of the League technique are at their height. . . . To call in the League only when diplomacy has failed is to confront it with an almost impossible task." Those words are particularly apposite just now in regard to the Sino-Japanese troubles.

## A Traffic Nuisance.

The campaign launched by the police against reckless pedal cyclists in Kowloon is almost by common consent. At least a dozen youths have been brought before the Magistrate in the space of a few days, and a little further action on the same lines should have the desired effect. Traffic dangers are real enough, without serious aggravation by youths imbued with a spirit of adventure. If the danger was confined to themselves, our concern might be less pronounced, but their circus tricks are a continual source of apprehension to all who pursue lawful progress in the streets, and especially to those who drive motor-cars. They are an embarrassment and peril to mechanically-propelled vehicles and pedestrians alike, for reasons which need no recapitulation. Too often their calm indifference to danger, which might be admired in another sphere, is liable to force a motorist into a dangerous swerve, possibly to knock down an innocent pedestrian, or to collide with a lamp-standard or another vehicle. Usually the delinquent escapes free, while the unfortunate victim has no means of securing satisfaction, unless he is able to catch the culprit and administer a little corporal punishment. We trust the police will not relax their efforts to check the nuisance. Incidentally, they might devote some attention to individual cyclists who regard motor-buses as fair game, on which to cling for an effortless spin. Twice recently serious accidents have been avoided only because a following motorist has given proof of his skill, or of the efficacy of four-wheel brakes. In both instances, the danger arose on the cyclist suddenly casting himself loose from the bus and hovering in the track of an overtaking private vehicle. Incidents of this type are no deterrent to the cyclist, unfortunately. It would seem that only direct action will meet the case.

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, the Central Fire Brigade received a call to the City Hall, where, it was reported, an outbreak of fire had been observed. Two engines were immediately rushed to the scene, but on arrival there, it was found that there had been no outbreak and that the call was merely a false alarm.

## DAY BY DAY.

GERMS ARE LIKE WOMEN; THE MORE YOU THINK ABOUT THEM THE MORE DANGEROUS THEY BECOME.—*The Vandal.*

The B. I. s.s. Santhia is due here from Singapore on Thursday.

Two Chinese cases of typhoid were notified over the week-end.

The B. I. s.s. Hatipara is due here from Shimonoseki at 6 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Empress of Asia left Shanghai at 2 p.m. yesterday and is due here on Tuesday afternoon.

The s.s. Haiyang arriving from Apia (Samoa), with 541 deck passengers reports the death of three en route.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) has declared a first and final dividend at the rate of 58 cents per share.

An unemployed Chinese was remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindell on Saturday on a charge of stealing a travelling clock and a fountain pen, from the residence of Mr. P. W. Clark, of 464, The Peak.

Mrs. Elvidge, wife of Mr. Elvidge of the Harbour Department was admitted to the Victoria Hospital on Friday last, suffering from appendicitis. It is understood that an operation will be performed tomorrow.

The U.S.S. Jason, flying the flag of the Commander of the Aircraft Squadron of the Asiatic Fleet, is due to arrive here on Tuesday, May 15, for a stay of four days. She will sail for the North on May 19.

Professor W. J. Hinton, M.A., is again leaving Hongkong on a tour of South-Asia, possibly extending to Europe and America, being engaged in the study of the conditions of Chinese settlers in countries bordering this side of the Pacific.

A Chinese, who pleaded guilty to being in possession of 480 dutiable "Three Castles" cigarettes was fined \$20, or, in default, two weeks' hard labour, by Major C. Willson this morning. The man was arrested on the Tung On Wharf last night.

According to a report made to the police on Saturday, a brand new Austin seven (No. 252) which was placed on the road only a few days ago for a customer by Messrs. Alex. Ross and Co., Ltd., was stolen from the public parking place in Chater Road on Friday night.

An Indo-Pacific message, dated April 26, states that Mr. Muccio, American Consul in Hongkong, who had been functioning, temporarily, as Consul in Yunnan-fu, left Yunnan to return to Hongkong on the arrival of Mr. Chamberlain from Shanghai. Mr. Chamberlain has been appointed United States Consul to Yunnan-fu.

Our Foochow correspondent writes that among recent departures is Mr. H. Shelley Brand, who is on his way home to England for a holiday for the first time for more than thirty years. He is expected back in a few months. In the meantime, he will be greatly missed by the many who do not know Foochow without him.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 18 departures, with British recording five and five under the respective headings. Tonnage was fair, but cargo returns were generally low. The total of British cargo under both headings was only slightly more than 2,000 tons, while the highest inward was Chinese, all other heavy returns being Japanese.

Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was passed by Major C. Willson this morning on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to the larceny of four packages of cloth from the Tai Sing goldsmith shop of 489, Queen's Road Central. The cloth was left on a counter near the entrance of the shop by a customer who was examining some jewellery, and defendant stole it.

The Hongkong University Journal of Law and Commerce has made its appearance. It is an amalgamation of the separate Law and Commercial Journals, and, in its new form, made a wider appeal. Amongst the articles are some notes on industrial development in China by Professor W. J. Hinton; some details of the Permanent Court of International Justice, by Mr. B. G. Birch, B.A.; "The Academic Study of Law and the Chinese Legal Reform Movement," by Professor W. C. Keeton; and some facts in regard to the position of Hongkong in trans-Pacific shipping, by Mr. Harry Hong Shing, Ph. B.M.A.

## COAL COOLIES IN TROUBLE.

## BLOCK PULLEY STOLEN FROM NORWEGIAN SHIP.

A block pulley and shackle formed the subject of a charge against two coal coolies before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. The block was taken from the s.s. Daviken, and Mr. S. Solberg, chief officer of the ship, prosecuted.

Mr. Solberg stated that the coal coolies boarded the Daviken at 6 o'clock yesterday morning and at 8 o'clock witness found the block missing. Summoning the coolie foreman he threatened to call the police if the article was not produced in five minutes. At the expiration of this period the block was still missing and witness called in the police.

Some minutes before the arrival of the police the coolie foreman returned the block which he had recovered from a sampan into which it had been thrown by the two defendants. Corroborative evidence was given by the mistress of the sampan and the coolie foreman, after which the two defendants were both convicted. The defendants admitted throwing the block on the sampan but stated that they merely placed it out of their way as it obstructed them in their work. They intended to replace it. The first defendant was fined \$50 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour. The second defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour, there being a previous conviction against him.

## EXPECTED TO GET AWAY WITH IT.

## THIEF HAS DESIGNS ON PACKING CASES.

It would seem there is nothing too large, too heavy or too bulky for a certain type of criminals judging by instances provided in Major C. Willson's court this morning.

A Chinese appeared before the Court charged with stealing two large packing cases from a shop in Wing Kat Street. The cases once held piecegoods, but having emptied the contents, the shop exhibited the cases for sale. The defendant succeeded in removing the cases for a distance of about a hundred yards before the shop people were aware that the cases were missing.

The defendant was seen with them and arrested. Defendant had nothing to say in answer to the charge, and was sentenced to ten days' hard labour. In another case, a Chinese attempted to steal an empty oil barrel from a wharf in Connaught Road West, but was unsuccessful. He was fined \$5.

## ALLEGED COAL THEFTS.

## CASE AGAINST THREE MEN ADJOURNED.

The case in which three Chinese were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on Friday, with larceny of two cwt. of coal from the Tai Po Road, where repairs are being carried out, was again mentioned in Court this morning, when the hearing was fixed for tomorrow.

Sub-Inspector Dick told his Worship that the books had all been gone into and everything was correct, with the exception that 1.3 tons of coal were missing. This, however, covered a period extending from the beginning of the year. The defendants' duties were to deliver coal to the different gangs and it was either by taking more than they were supposed to from the dump, or that they had extracted small quantities from each of eleven baskets which they had delivered to the Tai Po Road Workmen, that the defendants were able to steal two baskets full. The case was adjourned till 11.45 a.m. to-morrow.

## PREVENTING DISEASE.

## DR. KOCH'S PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. W. V. M. Koch will propose the following resolution:

"That this Board respectfully suggests to the Authorities the propriety of setting in action investigations into the possibility of devising means for the prevention of the prevalent infectious diseases, such as typhoid, malaria, tuberculosis, etc. It further suggests that such investigations might be undertaken by local medical men under the direction of the Government, and that their reports be published for the guidance of the community."

## The Very Idea!

The following story is worthy of putting on record as a proof that not all Government departments are without a sense of humour. An inexperienced chicken farmer was having trouble with his brood. He wrote to the Agricultural Department in London for advice. "Each morning I find two or three lying stiff on the ground with their legs in the air," he complained. "Can you tell me what is the matter?" A week later he received a reply. It read: "Dear Sir,—Your chickens are dead!"

And woman in her time plays many parts. Although she tries to make them all alike, Her acts being seven poses. At first the infant Yelling all night for some man to take her In his arms, the only difference being

That in after years she doesn't yell out loud. Then 'the schoolgirl with her lipstick, Powder rag and mirror in her satchel, Hating boys, but playing with them all the same. Next the flapper, with long legs and elbows.

Busting her rival shins with clubs at hockey. Next stage is still a flapper, only more so, Clawing tennis balls from out high heaven, And clinging with her knees to motor-cycles.

Or wagging those same knees in frantic Charleston, Not caring twopence about reputation Even in the neighbours' mouths. Comes another flapper With shorter skirts and sheerer stockings.

What boots it that she can remember The Relief of Mafeking and how a soldier kissed her In the Strand? Her face is twenty, and her legs Eighteen. She loves the pictures, and will go miles To see her hero on the screen and tell herself

That only she could make love like that. In real life. The sixth age shifts; She may be married, but she's still a flapper With youthful hows well saved, a perfect fit. Spending her afternoons at fox-trot teas,

What time that lean and slippered pantaloon— Her husband—is working overtime, or says he is, To make both ends meet. Last scene of all That ends this strange and truthful history Finds her still so chemically beautiful, She might be seventeen, or thereabouts, Except that she has a grown-up habit

Of going three no trumps on next to nothing, And playing golf to keep her figure. While as to staying home, and darning socks, She would prefer oblivion. . .

The Postmaster-General has approved a new scheme for advertising in telephone booths. Two thousand of these booths are to be fitted for this purpose in the London area soon. The equipment will take the form of a black box on the wall, beside the receiver, in a window of which illuminated pictures will be shown in succession, each image remaining in view for seven seconds.

Thus a humorous writer:— Many animals that once were common are rapidly becoming extinct. There is the plesiosaurus, the dodo, the horse, the red-nosed comedian, the Ford, and now the baby. You could travel for miles through some of our suburbs pushing a perambulator baited with a rattle and never see one.

This being so, there are many people to-day who have heard of babies—and unless you are stone deaf you can usually hear one within a mile—but who have never seen one. The baby, therefore, is a small, pink, mottled animal. It does not walk on four legs, nor on two, but lies on its back all day and does an aerial Charleston with its feet, so that most people fasten things to it with safety-pins which stick into it and remind it when it is kicking over the traces.

Rather than agree to play "The Red Flag" in the streets of the town, which was one of the conditions of an engagement, the Working Borough Band, composed almost entirely of ex-Services men, declined to play for Working Labour Party at the May Day Festival.



**ANOTHER MANILA EXECUTION.****CHINESE PAYS PENALTY IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.****OFFICIALS IN TEARS.**

Manila, May 11.  
For the fifth time in 15 days the electric chair at Bilbid has claimed a victim. Agustin Chan Lin Wat, a Chinese, was electrocuted yesterday afternoon, for the murder of Manuel Escanella, private detective, in 1925.

The Chinese proved to be the bravest prisoner that has yet paid the supreme penalty in the only electric chair in the Orient, says the *Manila Bulletin*. He faced death calmly, believing that God would take care of his soul, and assured that his body would be delivered to his family. One of his last requests, made less than five minutes before he was strapped to the chair, was that his dead body be turned over to his wife.

**Officials in Tears.**

The attitude of prison officials and those who witnessed the execution was not in keeping with that of the prisoners. The officials who so calmly carried out the orders of the court 15 days ago admitted that the execution of Chan Lin Wat was a hard task. They left the death cell with tears in their eyes. It was probably because Chan Lin Wat was more brave.

Twenty minutes before 3 o'clock, the time set for the prisoner to die, Ramon Victorio, director of prisons, led a small group of attendants and witnesses to the death cell. Simultaneously, a squad of six buglers walked down the prison wall to the tower directly in front of the death house to await the signal for the prisoner's last rites for the condemned man.

**Kneels in Prayer.**

When the party entered the death cell Chan Lin Wat was praying in the chapel adjoining the death cell. During the last few hours of his life he became a Christian. The new religion seemed to console him. As the officials and witnesses filed into the death cell they could see him kneeling, through the barred door.

On seeing the party enter the building and realizing that the end was near, Chan Lin Wat arose to his feet and asked to speak with the director of prisons and his assistant. He greeted the officials with a smile that indicated victory rather than defeat, and expressed to them his gratitude for the kindness they had shown him during his two years in Bilbid. He still smiled as he shook hands with them and said goodbye.

**Carried to Death Room.**

Chan Lin Wat was given morphine while Mr. Victorio conducted the usual ceremonies in the death cell. The witnesses were informed of what was about to take place and the electrician was ordered to examine the chair to see that it was functioning properly. These details had been attended to by 3 p.m. It was then that the guard was ordered to bring the prisoner into the room and strap him to the chair.

Chan Lin Wat was carried into the room. He was conscious but greatly weakened by the morphine. He had nothing to say nor did he resist the ether when it was administered to him after he had been securely strapped to the chair.

**HIDDEN UNDER THE RUBBISH.****CHINESE WHO STOLE SHARKS' FINS.**

That a man who was employed to clear away such stuff should deliberately ignore a stack of rubbish at the entrance of the godown at which he was employed, was a circumstance which aroused the suspicion of a District Watchman yesterday.

The District Watchman's examination revealed that no less than fifteen cartons of sharks' fins were concealed beneath the heap, and, after watching the coolie for some time, he saw the latter carefully remove the "rubbish" into a basket of his own.

The coolie was immediately arrested and was brought before Mr. E. E. Lindsell this morning, when he was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for theft of the sharks' fins.

Before he was brought up in Court, he told a story to the police which implicated another of the employees of the godown, who was also brought before His Worship this morning, but the police subsequently withdrew the charge against the second man, who was represented by Mr. Horace Lo.

**38 DANCERS KILLED IN AMERICA.****VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION AND FIRE.**

New York, Apr. 15.  
At West Plains, (Missouri) at least thirty-eight persons are dead and twenty injured, several critically, as the result of an explosion and fire which destroyed the Weiser garage building, where a dance was being held.

Twenty bodies are unidentified, and to-day friends and relatives were crowding the two morgues, seeking seventeen unaccounted for and believed to be among the dead.

The coroner's jury, summoned by Richard Green, Prosecuting Attorney, was unable to agree as to the cause of the explosion, and adjourned until Wednesday. A gasoline tank was suspected, but was found to be intact.

Thirty to forty couples were dancing on the second floor of the two-story garage and automobile sales-room building when the explosion occurred, followed by total darkness, owing to damage to the electric light plant. The fire immediately spread, rendering escape impossible for most of the dancers. Walls soon collapsed, burying victims in the furnace.

Some of the injured were found in the street or taken from the upper windows before the walls collapsed, and several were found fifty feet or more from the scene.

Mr. H. C. Allen, a prominent local merchant, was blown across the street and had both his legs broken and an arm torn off. Some were blown through the windows and survived.

**HARBOUR OFFICE OFFICIAL.****SUDDEN DEATH FROM TUBERCULOSIS.**

The death is reported of Mr. L. King-I, first clerk of the Junk Office of the Harbour Department, which took place at his home in High Street, at 4 p.m. Saturday from tuberculosis.

The deceased, who was a highly valued servant of the Department was 36 years of age. He joined the Government service 12 years ago, and after serving in the Treasury, was appointed to the Harbour Department in 1923. He was off duty only four days and the news of his death was a great surprise to his fellow workers.

It is understood that the funeral takes place at Pokfulam at 4 p.m. today, when Junk Office officials and boatmen will attend.

**FRENCH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.****NUMEROUS CHANGES ARE NOTIFIED.**

Paris, Apr. 30.  
The *Journal Officiel* has published a number of important changes in the French diplomatic service. M. de Chambrun, Minister of Vienna, has been appointed Ambassador at Angora, replacing M. Daeschner, who has retired from the Service; M. Chauzel, head of the French delegation to the League of Nations, is appointed to succeed Mr. Chambrun at Vienna; M. Puaux, has been transferred from Kovno to the Legation at Bucharest; while M. de Verchere de Remy, who is serving in the High Commissionership in Syria, has been promoted to the Ministry of Addis Abeba (Abyssinia) in succession to M. Gaussen. —*Indo-pacifi.*

**HIGHER WAGE DEMAND BY POSTMASTERS.****UNION AMALGAMATION SCHEME REJECTED.**

The National Federation of Sub-Postmasters, at the concluding session of the annual conference at Marzate decided to demand an increase in remuneration "equal to that of other Civil Servants."

Major Gould (Topham, Devon) said it must not be thought that the way to economise in the Post Office was to cut down the salaries of the employees. There must be no cheeseparing.

It was decided to launch an intensive publicity campaign regarding existing conditions in the Post Office.

A proposal to amalgamate with the Union of Post Office Workers was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, (East Cornwall), the mover of the resolution, said their ideal was that ultimately they should have part control of the service, they ran and a voice in the organisation.

Several delegates opposed the motion, demanding that the Federation should maintain its independence.

The Secretary (Mr. John Fielding) said the time was not ripe for the amalgamation.

There were only five or six votes in favour of the motion.

**DRUNKENNESS LAW PUZZLE.****VIEWS OF POLICE DOCTOR AND MAGISTRATE.****MOTORIST ACQUITTED.**

The difference between the views of the doctors and lawyers as to what really constitutes drunkenness, when applied to motorists, was emphasised in a case heard at Marylebone Police Court recently before Mr. H. C. A. Bingley.

James Alfred Swain, motor driver, of Hillside, Stonebridge Park, who was accused of being drunk in charge of a motor-car in the Edgware-road, was discharged, Mr. Bingley, after hearing the medical evidence, stating that he was not satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that the charge had been proved.

Dr. Alexander Baldie, the divisional surgeon, gave in detail the results of his examination of Swain, and finally stated that he formed the opinion that the man was drunk.

Cross-examined by Mr. Kearns, the solicitor defending, he said that it took him three-quarters of an hour to decide because he was in a "bit of a quandary." "A doctor always is," he said, "in these cases of men charged with being drunk in charge of motor-cars."

Mr. Kearns—If you had been called there to an ordinary case of a person charged with drunkenness what would you have said as to his condition?

**"Totally Wrong."**

Dr. Baldie—I should have said that he was sober.

The Magistrate—You would? Well, that is an end of this case.

Dr. Baldie said that the man's incapacity depended on what he was charged with doing.

Mr. Bingley—You are totally wrong. That is not the law.

Dr. Baldie—It may not be the law, but it is the medical view.

Mr. Bingley said that he did not quarrel with the doctor from the medical point of view. His only question was "Aye or no, was the man drunk?" If the law has to be altered it must be, but that is the law.

Mr. Sanders, the solicitor prosecuting for the Commissioner of Police, asked whether, if there had been disorder in conjunction with the man's condition, the doctor would have found that the man was drunk and disorderly?

Mr. Bingley—That does not matter a straw, because the doctor has nothing to do with the disorder.

Mr. Sanders—if you say that it has nothing to do with disorder, then you must judge as to whether he is drunk in charge of a motor-car. You cannot have it both ways.

Dr. Baldie—A doctor has no means of determining whether a man is drunk unless he is considering the particular thing the man was doing or failed to do.

Mr. Bingley—if that is so, you need not bother about all these tests?

The doctor agreed.

Mr. Bingley—What it comes to, doctor is that you, like other doctors would like to see the law altered. But we have to take the law as it is. Aye or no, is the man drunk?

**Lord Chief Justice's View.**

Mr. Bingley, giving his decision, said that he was there merely to administer the law as it is. The law used the expression "drunk." In a case before the Supreme Court a little time ago the Lord Chief Jus-

**YOUTHFUL "CAT" BURGLAR.****CLIMBS DRAINPIPE TO STEAL JACKET.**

A boy of fourteen who appeared before Major C. Willson this morning charged with the theft of a jacket from the first floor of 233, Queen's Road Central, was ordered to receive twelve strokes by his Worship.

The police said that this youth would appropriately come under the description of a thief of the "cat" type. He gained access to the first floor of 233, Queen's Road Central by climbing up a drain pipe. After stealing the jacket he was about to descend the same way, when he was observed by one of the inmates of the house, who immediately raised a cry and blew his police whistle.

The young thief then changed his plans and climbed into the verandah of the adjoining house. He was seen by a policeman in the street, who went into the adjoining house and arrested him.

**STOLE ROLL OF CLOTH.****WEAK EXCUSE GIVEN IN COURT.**

A roll of cloth displaced at the entrance of the On Kee shop, at No. 143, Queen's Road Central, attracted the attention of a sneak thief, who, after waiting a considerable time, thought he saw a good opportunity to make off with the cloth. His attempt to do so was unsuccessful, and he appeared before Major C. Willson this morning, charged with the theft of the roll of cloth.

Defendant denied stealing the cloth, but stated that he was a stranger to the Colony. Seeing a roll of cloth in the street, he thought he was perfectly entitled to it, and that explained why he picked it up and walked off with it.

His Worship found the story unconvincing and passed sentence of four weeks' hard labour.

**RAIN EXPECTED.**

The Royal Observatory Report to-day, states:—Pressure is high over the Bonins and over South-West China. The forecast till noon to-morrow is—south winds, moderate, squally cloudy, some rain.

lice, their highest authority, stated that drunk meant drunk.

"All I have to do," said Mr. Bingley, "is to be satisfied that the man charged before me, whoever he is, is or is not drunk. It might be advisable that the law should be altered; has he had so much alcohol as to impair his powers?"

All sorts of phrases might be imagined, continued the Magistrate, but the law as it stood at present said "Drunk." The doctor said that at the end, taking all into consideration, he thought the man was too drunk to drive a car. But that was not the law. It was nothing to do with the doctor whether the man was in charge of a car or was lying in the street. The sole question was whether he was drunk. In view of the doctor's evidence, Mr. Bingley said that he was not satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that the charge had been proved.

**CROP OF SNATCHING INCIDENTS.****CULPRITS APPEAR BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.****VIOLENT STRUGGLE.**

A number of snatching incidents occurred over the week-end and the police in most cases managed to arrest the culprits, several of whom appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning before Major C. Willson.

A Chinese who was arrested in Wellington Street, after he had snatched a gold necklace and pendant from a girl, pleaded guilty on being charged and was sentenced to six months' hard labour and twelve strokes. The pendant and chain were valued at \$110.

In another case, a Chinese was brought before the Magistrate for snatching a purse from another man near the World Theatre last night. The purse contained 34 cents, and, on pleading guilty to the offence, the defendant was ordered four weeks' hard labour.

The police who were prosecuting told his Worship that the defendant, on being arrested by a District Watchman, put up a violent struggle, in the course of which the man who was the victim of the snatching made himself scarce, sacrificing the purse and the money rather than appear in Court.

His Worship ordered the 34 cents to be placed in the Poor Box.

Marjorie Hindmarsh, aged 4, of Cawthorne-terrace, Preston, North Shields, was killed by a stone cross which fell from the top of a gravestone in North Shields cemetery.

**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?****TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

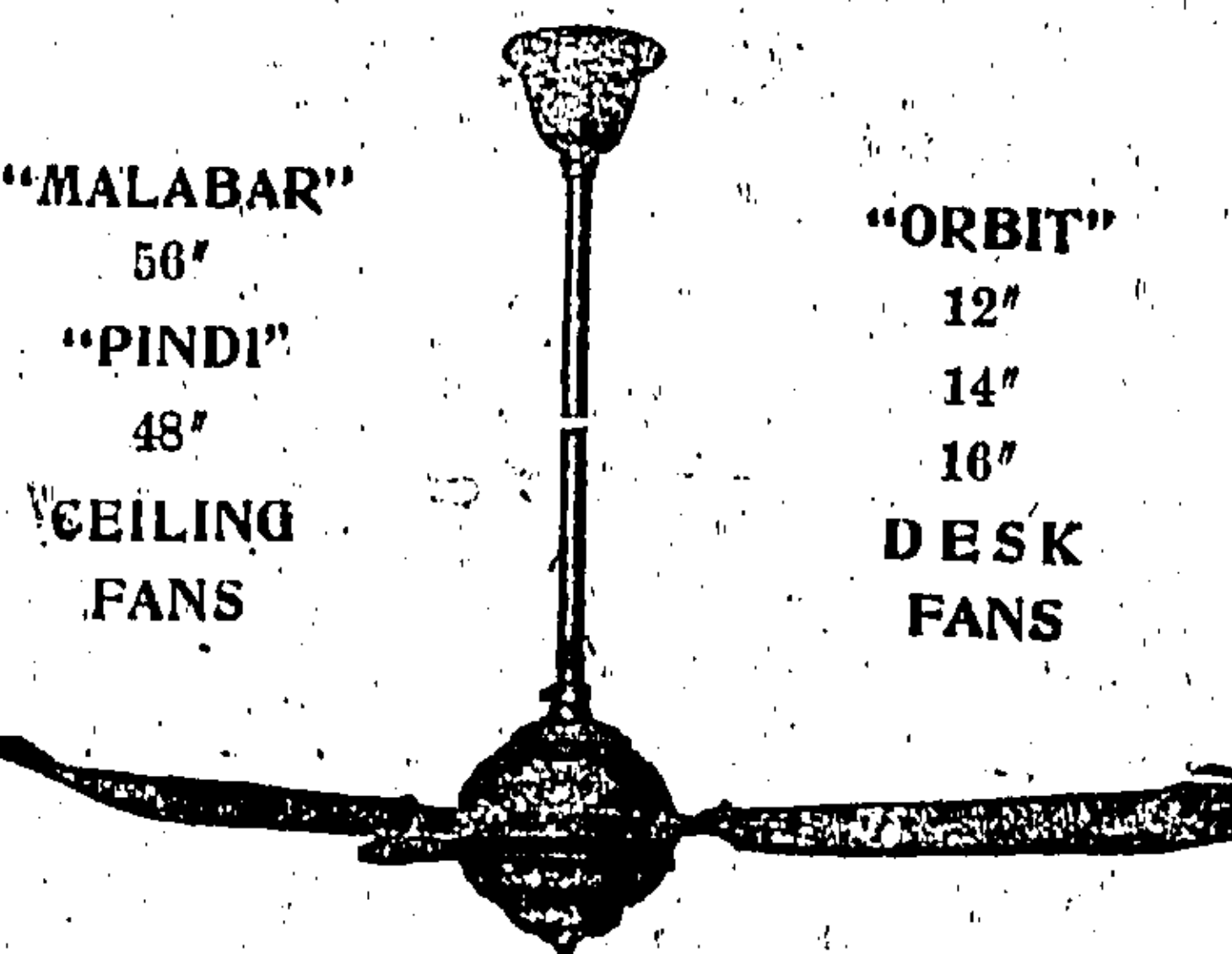
The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. For what famous picture has an offer of £500,000 just been made, and by whom?
2. What was the salary of the Lord Chancellor in the days of Henry II?
3. What remarkable economic fact regarding the United States has just been announced?
4. What European King washes the feet of the poor at Easter-tide?
5. What two historic stories are now declared to be mythical?
6. Where are real dragons still to be found living to-day?
7. Where in England is there a club whose members use their fingers instead of knives and forks?
8. What famous soldier has recently become a monk?
9. What strange mistake has been made in a new issue of Greek stamps?
10. What fish has wings measuring 15 feet across?
11. When did the first two ships cross the Atlantic under steam?
12. What remarkable claim is made by a Russian doctor in Paris in connexion with X-rays?

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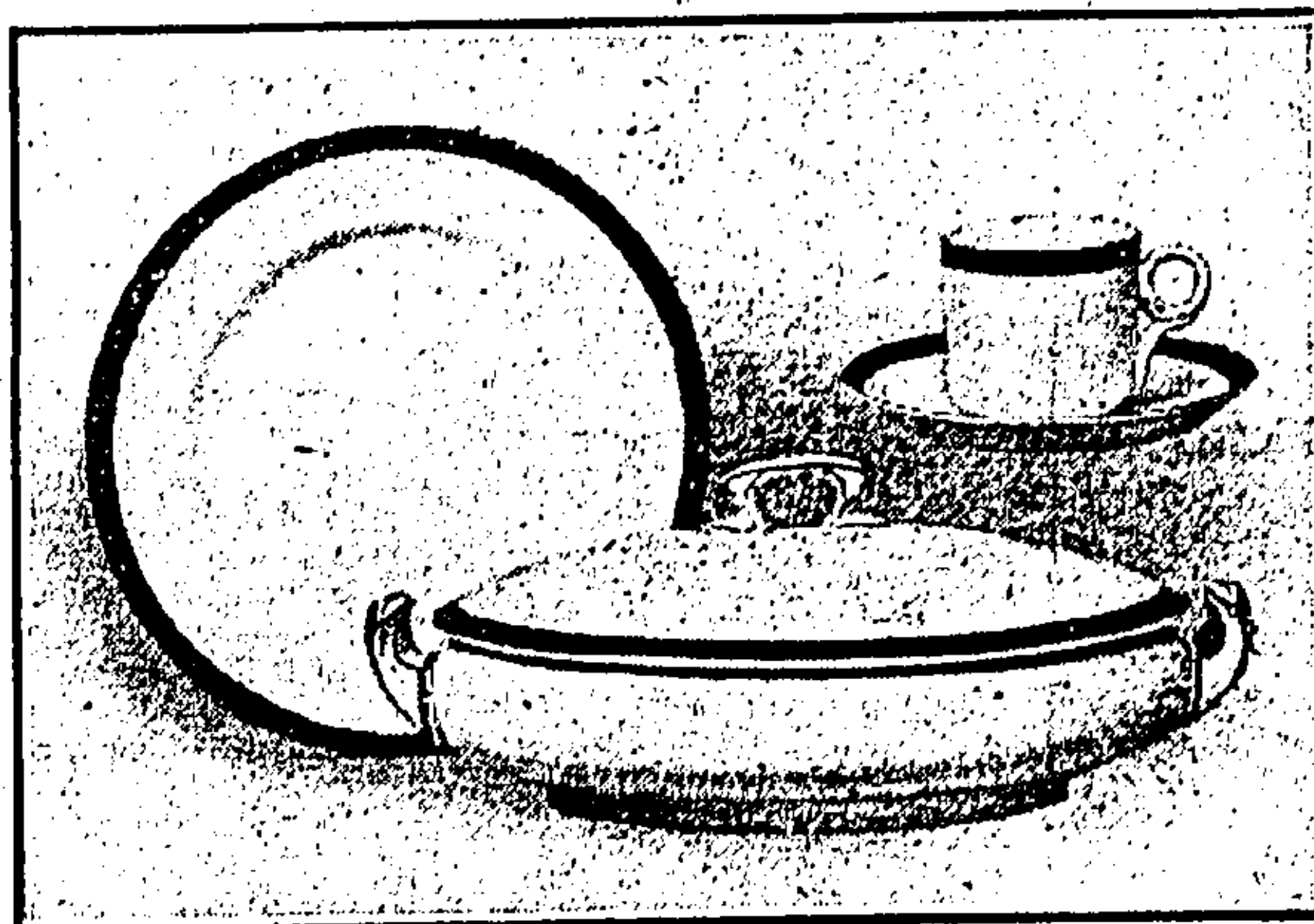
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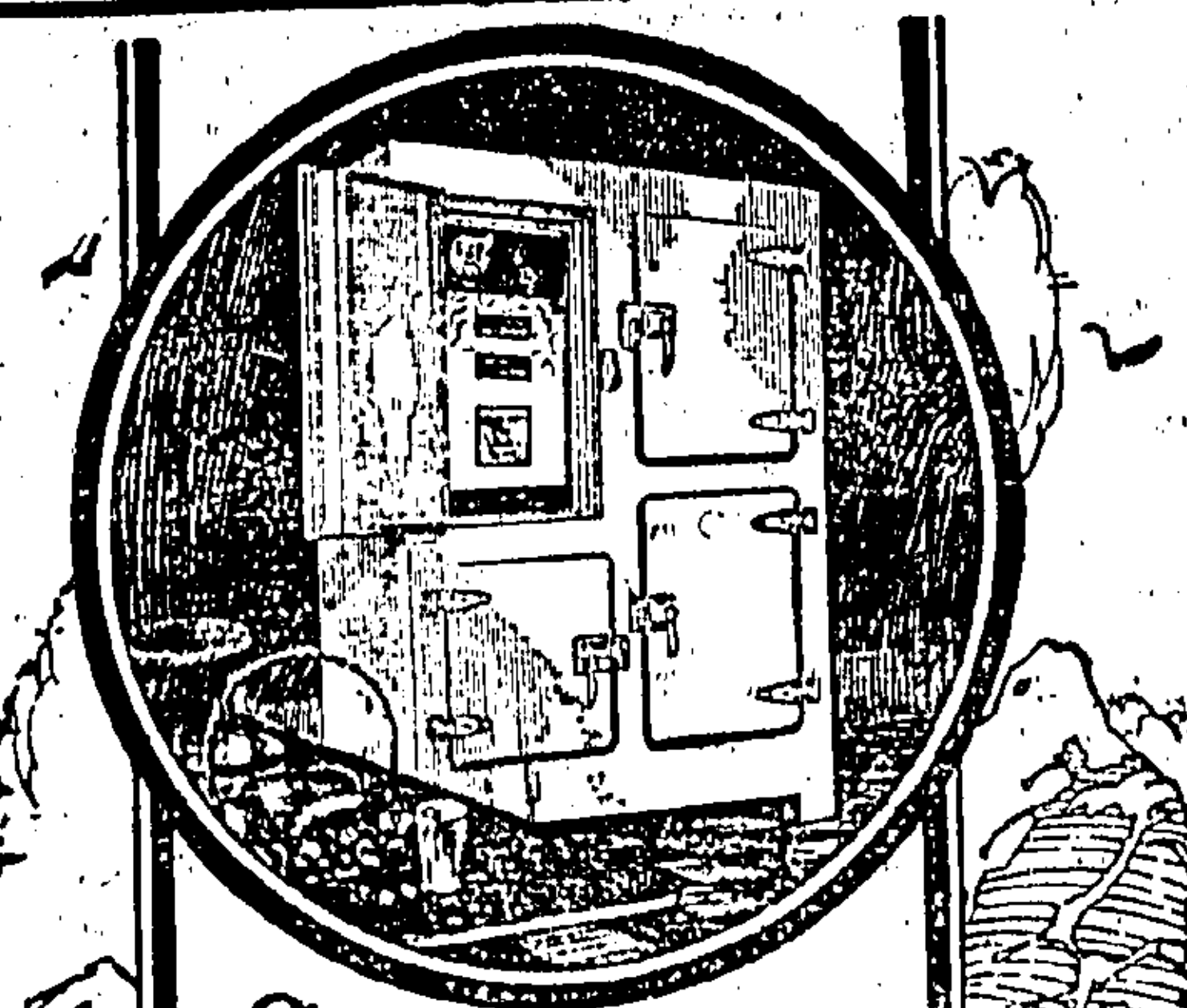


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# THE WORLD OF SPORT

## MACAO RACES.

A REAL GOOD AFTERNOON'S SPORT.

(By "Rambler.")

One of the most enjoyable race meetings since the opening—that was the verdict at Sunday's Macao Race Club fixture. The day was an ideal one for racing and although the run was shining intensely throughout the day, I did not hear anybody complaining that it was too hot. The cool breeze from the ocean was most refreshing and was appreciated most as one reclined in a comfortable lounge chair under the awning in front of the members' stand where ice refreshments could be had for the asking. The tired members amongst the backers were mostly keen to enjoy this privilege when they had sufficient time to spare between frequent visits to and from the betting booths.

One of the things that pleased me most was the large number of visitors from Canton to see the racing. Quite a number of prominent American, German and Chinese ladies and gentlemen made their first appearance and with those who had been down before helped to swell a good natured party of appreciative sports. Mr. N. Hashim, who is one of the most keen followers of the little China pony, had a party of about twenty and it was most fitting that his pony Sunning should win one race and run a very good second in another. This, as you might imagine, put the whole party in good spirits as they were all on the little black mare.

The Handicap events were a tribute to Mr. Charlie Alves, only in one event did they get ahead of him. Caviare, a Fanling chaser owned by Mr. Toppide and ridden by that clever trainer and jockey, Dr. L. Reddy, pasted the opposition and made no error about it, for when the starter let them go somebody must have forgotten to close the gate, for the big roan just shot out to the front and passed the winning post in a canter. One Third, a beautiful clean-limbed specimen of the equine fraternity, was sent out in two races and won both of them on the day. He has a beautiful action and bit. He has a beautiful mover, when fully extended is as steady as can be, and a beautiful mover. I hope to see this fellow up against Boxing Eve at the next meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club. I am sure that Boxing Eve will run him off his feet, good as he undoubtedly is, but still they would be pretty to watch in action together.

If I may be permitted to throw a few bouquets at myself, I might mention that I tipped five winners and seven placed ponies out of eight races. Not so bad when it is taken into consideration that one does not always know who will be selected to ride the ponies, and this is half the battle, you know. I hope my readers will look me up at the next meeting at Happy Valley, as I have some real likely babies already ear-marked.

## HONGKONG VARSITY FOOTBALLERS.

TO PLAY SERIES OF GAMES IN MANILA.

Word was received yesterday at the P. A. A. F. offices (says the Manila Bulletin of May 9th) that the Hongkong University Football team would leave for the Philippines on the Dollar Liner President Wilson on May 20. They will arrive in Manila on May 22. Arrangements for a series of four soccer games to be played here are still under way. At present, plans indicate the visiting aggregation will be matched with the Nomads team, a Swiss eleven, a Chinese team and probably a Filipino or American squad. Financial backing for the series is being furnished by C. C. Lim, prominent wealthy Chinese. The game will be played under the auspices of the amateur federation but the money derived will be for the benefit of the Chinese Y. M. C. A.

Much interest is being shown in the forthcoming matches. Soccer, according to Dr. Ylanan of the P. A. A. F. is gaining in popularity in the Philippines every year.

Henry Percy Baldock was at Seabrook, Hythe, committed for trial to the quarter sessions on two charges of embezzlement in respect of money received by him on behalf of the Elham Rural Council, of which he was clerk.

## AMERICAN BASEBALL.

AMERICAN NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS.

New York, May 12.  
The following are the results of the baseball matches played during the week—

National League.	
Saturday.	
St. Louis	11 Brooklyn
Cincinnati	6 Philadelphia
Chicago	6 Boston
Pittsburg	4 New York
Cincinnati	4 Brooklyn
St. Louis	4 Philadelphia
Chicago	4 Boston
Sunday.	
St. Louis	6 Brooklyn
Cincinnati	4 Brooklyn
Chicago	7 Philadelphia
Pittsburg	9 Boston
Tuesday.	
Pittsburg	6 New York
Chicago	4 Brooklyn
Cincinnati	7 Boston
St. Louis	15 Philadelphia
Wednesday.	
Pittsburg	0 New York
Chicago	2 Brooklyn
St. Louis	7 Philadelphia
Cincinnati	4 Boston
Thursday.	
Pittsburg	4 New York
Cincinnati	6 Boston
St. Louis	6 Philadelphia
Chicago	8 Brooklyn
Cincinnati	3 Boston
St. Louis	3 Philadelphia

American League.	
Saturday.	
New York	7 Chicago
Philadelphia	6 Detroit
Washington	6 St. Louis
Boston	4 Cleveland
Sunday.	
New York	4 Chicago
Washington	6 St. Louis
Detroit	3 Boston
Monday.	
New York	8 Chicago
Boston	2 Cleveland
Philadelphia	10 Detroit
Washington	2 St. Louis
Tuesday.	
New York	9 Cleveland
Boston	6 Chicago
Philadelphia	4 St. Louis
Washington	2 Detroit
Wednesday.	
New York	4 Cleveland
Boston	2 Chicago
Philadelphia	5 Detroit
Washington	11 St. Louis
Friday.	
New York	7 Cleveland
Boston	7 Chicago
Philadelphia	11 St. Louis
Washington	9 Detroit

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## FOR OLYMPIC GAMES.

THE FILIPINO AQUATIC SELECTIONS.

Idefonso and Tuburan will represent the Philippine Islands in the aquatic events at the 1928 Olympic Meet to be held in Amsterdam this summer.

In addition to being selected for this team, Tuburan, in the final try-outs, established what is believed to be a new record for the Philippine Islands in the 400 meter free style when he finished it in 5 minutes 31-4/10 seconds. Second place went to Jakaria.

The 200 meter breast stroke was won by Idefonso, the other team member. He swam the distance in 2 minutes and 56-7/10 seconds. Arnsad of the Moro team was second in this trial.

Jakaria, captured first in the 100 meter free style sprint with Tuburan finishing second. Time for the event was 1 minute 4-3/10 seconds.

## "THE MISSING LINK."

SYD. CHAPLIN IN FUNNY FILM.

If you want to forget the muggy weather, with all its discomforts, you cannot do better than to visit the Queen's Theatre during the run of "The Missing Link," Syd. Chaplin's latest success. The picture was screened for the first time yesterday, and it proved itself a real mirth-provoker. It is sheer farce and burlesque, of course, but the cinema-goer who can't get a hearty laugh out of it ought to consult the doctor.

In the story, Syd. Chaplin plays the part of a timid poet who was forced to become a big game hunter in Africa. We won't say anything more as to how the tale develops, but it can well be imagined that there is plenty of scope for thrills and humour. The photography is excellent, and there are some wonderfully trained wild animals.

"The Missing Link" can certainly be classed as one of Syd. Chaplin's biggest hits. It is to be shown up to and including Tuesday.

## MR. HENRY FORD ON WAGES.

BRITAIN'S TRADE PROSPECTS.

## SMALLER MOTOR CARS.

Mr. Henry Ford, who is paying his first visit to England for sixteen years, in an interview recently discussed Peace, Free Trade, Prohibition, and what he regarded as the essentials to Great Britain's prosperity. I think, he remarked, people are becoming too intelligent ever to have another big war. What is educating the ordinary people against war is that they are mixing so much. The motor-car, radio, and such things are the great "mixers." Everyone wants to work, not to fight.

"I am a complete free trader. I do not believe in anything else than free trade all round," Mr. Ford remarked.

The removal of the rubber restrictions, he continued, will not affect my plans in Brazil. We shall go on with them there, and Mr. Firestone, one of my managers, has gone to look round Liberia.

Mr. Ford said that he had sold the site which he bought at Southampton, as he did not consider it suitable, but added: "This does not rule out Southampton. I think we should have two places in England." He had visited the Dagenham property and was going there again. He thought there were possibilities in the big dump of London refuse there which covered about a third of the 300 acres, for the production of power.

Pathway to Prosperity. The prosperity of America, Mr. Ford proceeded, is bound to continue indefinitely and it will be the same here as soon as people wake up to the fact that they must do a good job of work. The only thing that will put real prosperity into this country is machinery. People say that machinery brings idleness, but it is really the other way about. I have more men making machines than I have making cars. You do not do enough by machinery here.

One of the main things all over the world people have to learn is to pay wages. If they do not do that they will never make a market. People who get barely enough to live on never create markets. This country is a good deal better than some in regard to wage levels, but you have to learn that wages here, too, people are afraid to raise. Unemployment in England is caused by wages being too low.

I regard Great Britain as still being the centre of world trade. You made the first practical steam engines and other inventions, and have been the shippers of the world. I am sure that Great Britain can manufacture better for the Continent, for India, and for other places on that side than any other country. Tractors, for instance, can be made better here for Africa, Russia, and other places than elsewhere.

Smaller Motor Cars. Mr. Ford is building big aeroplanes, but he believes that aeroplane design will have to change radically before Transatlantic flying can become a commercial proposition.

Motor-cars, I believe, he remarked, will become smaller, but their engine power will be larger, especially if you can get the tax moved from the car to the petrol. The small car with the powerful engine can get round the bigger vehicles, such as trucks.

Mr. Ford believes that America has improved immensely under Prohibition, and that it will eventually spread to the rest of the world.

The great majority of the people in the States, he declared in conclusion, revere your King and Queen, and I think the Prince of Wales is just as popular over there as he is here.

Alderman S. Flavel, who was six times mayor of Leamington Spa, has resigned from the office of Vicar's warden at Leamington Parish Church after 44 years' continuous service.

## SEARCH FOR NEW REVENUE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Shares and Share Contract Notes. The first two of these might yield a considerable increase of revenue. Death Duties on very large estates might be increased. The duties on such estates are at present higher than those in force in Hongkong but lower than those in force in Ceylon.

Conveyance Duty is only \$6 per \$1,000 per cent. in England, Ceylon and Hongkong. It should be added that so far as death duties are concerned, we think it probable that a good deal of property is at present concealed, undervalued, or passes without being taxed. We consider that a tightening up in the collection of death duties might be effected.

## Vehicles Tax.

We are of the opinion that the taxes on vehicles could be considerably increased, as with the excellent roads of the present day the wear and tear on vehicles is considerably less than in the past, and it seems only equitable that the vehicles should bear the cost of the roads which make their use possible. The division of the taxes collected, between the Municipalities and the Rural Boards, should not present any great difficulty.

Increase of Petroleum Duty.—We are in favour of this only as a means of taxing vehicles in proportion to the use they make of the roads. Such a duty would have the advantage of providing revenue in direct proportion to the mileage covered and resultant wear and tear of the roads, and their cost of maintenance, while being easily collected. A vehicles tax and a petroleum duty would make motoring slightly more expensive and the two together would presumably form a fairer tax than either singly.

Government Pawn-shop.—We understand that in the Netherlands East Indies pawn-shops are owned by the Government. We think that it might be worth while to investigate the Dutch system so as to ascertain whether a similar system could be advantageously introduced here.

House Tax.—This tax could be collected from landlords through the Municipality. It has the advantage of being easily collected but there are the serious objections that it would add largely to the cost of living and that in the case of houses where families occupy a room each a tax imposed on the house would probably be passed on to the inmates in such a way that the landlord could collect more than the tax he was paying.

## Unpopular Income Tax.

Income Tax.—This is one of the few taxes by which a really large increase of revenue could be obtained, but it is a most unpopular tax and subject to the almost insuperable objection that the incidence falls unfairly on the honest taxpayer. Income tax should not, in our opinion, be revived until all other means of raising sufficient revenue have been tried.

Customs Duties, Poll Tax, Corporation Profits Tax and Registration of Trade Marks have been considered but in our opinion their disadvantages are numerous and outweigh the amount of revenue which would be forthcoming from their establishment.

The possibility of effecting savings in Annually Recurrent Expenditure should be carefully examined before any new tax or any increase in an existing tax is brought into force.

The extent of the liability of the Colony for Defence Contribution is, we understand, now under consideration, and we have been compelled to disregard this question throughout our report. The existence of an uncertain factor of so much importance to the finances of the Colony diminishes to a large extent the value of any forecast of our financial position.

## U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

VOTING IN INDIANAPOLIS PRIMARY.

Indianapolis, May 9. With returns in from 3074 of the State's 3610 precincts, Senator Watson to-day was leading Secretary of Commerce Hoover by 21,334 votes in the Indiana presidential primary, held yesterday. Returns from the 3074 precincts gave Watson 178,674 votes and Hoover 157,340.

On the Democratic ticket, returns from 1865 precincts gave Evans Woollean, Indianapolis banker, 107,913 votes.

Mr. J. T. Murphy, of Glasgow, a prominent Scottish Communist, is to oppose Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the Aberavon Division at the next Parliamentary General Election.

## EARTH AND THE UNIVERSE.

NEW MATHEMATICAL THEORY.

## STARS AS SPECKS.

Dr. F. H. Seares, of Mount Wilson Observatory, having subjected the universe to the mill of mathematics, has reached the striking conclusion that we cannot regard ourselves as dwelling in a uniformly distributed congregation of stars, as was once imagined, but rather as in an unsymmetrical grouping which may best be described as a number of separate clusters of stars.

It has been known for some time that the system of stars and the Milky Way by which we are surrounded, form a huge isolated swarm separated by vast distances from other structures known as "spiral nebulae."

A few years ago, Dr. Hubble, a colleague of Dr. Seares, succeeded in showing that some, at least, of the spiral nebulae were themselves vast organisations of stars, thus reviving a previous speculation that our own stellar system was a spiral nebula of which we had not been able to detect the form, because of our disadvantageous position in its interior.

What Dr. Seares has done is to submit to mathematical analysis the observations which have been made of the positions and distances of the stars in our system and therefrom to deduce how the system would appear to an observer situated at a distance.

## A Larger Structure.

The stellar universe, according to the conclusion of Dr. Seares, would appear to resemble a spiral nebula, which consists of a flat, disc-like nucleus (probably a congeries of stars) surrounded by two spiral arms, in which there are irregularly arranged clusters or "condensations" of stars.

In our own system our sun is near the centre of a "local cluster"—a flattened circular swarm of many millions of stars, having a diameter of at least 6,000 "parsecs" (one parsec equals 19 million miles), and possibly corresponding to one of the condensations in the arms of a spiral nebula. This cluster was mistakenly regarded by early investigators as the whole of the system, but Dr. Seares now finds that it is part of a larger structure.

This larger structure has a diameter of from 60,000 to 90,000 parsecs, and we are far from its centre—possibly something like 20,000 parsecs. This, of course, we should expect if we actually belong to a spiral nebula, and our local cluster is situated in one of the arms, for the centre of the whole system must be located in the nucleus.

## The Milky Way.

The Milky Way, which we see as a faint haze of light arching the sky, is an appearance due to the extremely flattened character of the system.

When we look at the Milky Way we are looking in the plane of flattening, and therefore through a very great thickness of stars. The irregularity of the Milky Way is due to the non-uniform distribution of the stars, and certain apparently empty spaces are probably masses of obscuring material such as have been observed in many special nebulae which we see edge-wise.

The stupendous dimensions of the organisation thus adumbrated may be realised when we consider that a parsec is equal to about 3 1/2 light years. This means that we see the stars at the centre of the system as they were about 65,000 years ago, while to travel from one extremity to the other, light, which covers 186,000 miles per second would require from 200,000 to 300,000 years.

In such a system, the Earth is far too minute a speck to be represented on a scale by any illustration drawn from our common experience. There are possibly millions of such systems in space, and the distances separating them are so enormous that one of them, as seen from the nearest of the others, would appear not much larger than our moon appears to us. They move at speeds of several hundred miles per second.

It was stated at an inquest on Miss Annie Turk, 41, bookkeeper, of Avenue-road, Acton, concerning whom a verdict of Accidental Death was returned, that she either went to sleep or fainted in a bath.

Frederick Lock, aged 39, a Gamberwell dock labourer, was executed at Wandsworth, S.W., for the murder of Florence Kitching, aged 23, with whom he had been living.



## LEAGUE TENNIS.

## SIXTEEN GAMES ON SATURDAY.

The Lawn Tennis League programme was carried out according to schedule on Saturday afternoon, when no fewer than sixteen matches were decided in the three divisions of the League.

In the "A" Division the Chinese Recreation Club scored a comfortable victory over Craigengower C.C., although on paper the latter team looked quite formidable and appeared to be in a position to give the Chinese club a hard fight. The University, visiting Kowloon, had no difficulty in wrestling the points from the K.C.C., whilst the most surprising result of the afternoon's matches was the defeat of the Indians "A" by the M.B.K.

In the "B" division the Indians defeated the M.B.K. and the Club de Recreo accounted for the other Japanese team, the Nippon Club, the Chinese R.C., the Hongkong C.C. and the University defeated the R.E., the K.C.C. and the Craigengower C.C. respectively.

Both Chinese teams in the "C" divisions registered victories as did both the Portuguese teams. The full results of Saturday's matches are given below.

## "A" DIVISION.

## Chinese R.C. v C.C.C.

On their own ground, the Chinese R.C. defeated the Craigengower C.C. by 33 games. Scores:—

Ho Kuan-lin and Yew Man-kit (C.R.C.) beat J. W. Leonard and T. Lay 8-3; lost to O. Ismail and J. A. Cassamuboy 5-6; beat H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 8-3.

Lo Man-kan and Lo Man-cho (C.R.C.) beat J. W. Leonard and T. Lay 7-4; beat O. Ismail and J. A. Cassamuboy 10-1; beat H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 6-5.

Ng Sze-kwong and Lo Man-ho (C.R.C.) beat J. W. Leonard and T. Lay 8-3; beat O. Ismail and J. A. Cassamuboy 7-4; beat H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 7-4.

## K.C.C. v University.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. lost to the University by 29 games. Scores:—

B. C. Fletcher and G. W. E. Bishop (K.C.C.) lost to F. A. Redmond and R. E. Tottenham 3-8; lost to A. A. Rumjahn and P. C. Lim 3-8; lost to T. W. Chong and K. T. Sun 3-8.

C. E. Millard and F. C. L. Wheeler (K.C.C.) lost to F. A. Redmond and R. E. Tottenham 4-7; lost to A. A. Rumjahn and P. C. Lim 3-8; lost to T. W. Chong and K. T. Sun 5-6.

E. F. Fincher and W. M. Gittins (K.C.C.) lost to F. A. Redmond and R. E. Tottenham 4-7; lost to A. A. Rumjahn and P. C. Lim 5-6; lost to T. W. Chong and K. T. Sun 6-5.

## M.B.K. v Indian R.C.

At Kowloon, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha beat the Indian R.C. by 15 games. Scores:—

T. Honda and T. Akiyama (M.B.K.) beat S. H. Ismail and S. D. Ismail 10-1; beat I. M. Razack and J. S. A. Curran 8-3; beat A. H. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 6-5.

T. Yamada and H. Yoshida (M.B.K.) beat S. H. Ismail and S. D. Ismail 6-5; beat I. M. Razack and J. S. A. Curran 6-5; lost to A. H. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 4-7.

Y. Mizobe and S. H. Ismail (M.B.K.) beat S. H. Ismail and S. D. Ismail 7-4; beat I. M. Razack and J. S. A. Curran 6-5; lost to A. H. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 4-7.

## "B" DIVISION.

## Indian R.C. v M.B.K.

The Indian R.C., playing on their own ground, defeated the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha by 19 games. Scores:—

S. A. Hussain and S. A. R. Bux (I.R.C.) beat T. Ema and K. Matsuo 7-4; beat G. Nakamura and Y. Koyama 8-3; beat T. Fujimori and S. Wuno 7-4.

S. S. Hussain and A. G. Mohamed (I.R.C.) beat T. Ema and K. Matsuo 11-0; beat G. Nakamura and Y. Koyama 8-3; beat T. Fujimori and S. Wuno 6-5.

A. H. Madar and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.) lost to T. Ema and K. Matsuo 4-7; lost to G. Nakamura and Y. Koyama 2-9; beat T. Fujimori and S. Wuno 6-5.

## Chinese R.C. v R.E.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. beat the Royal Engineers by 31 games. Scores:—

C. Choa and C. F. Lee (C.R.C.) lost to Col. Skinner and Col. Wyatt 4-7; lost to Sgt. Trumper and Capt. Larkcom 3-8; beat Sgt. White and Spr. Earle 6-5.

Kwok Po-kan and Lau Fook-ki (C.R.C.) beat Col. Skinner and Col. Wyatt 7-4; beat Sgt. Trumper and Capt. Larkcom 8-3; beat Sgt. White and Spr. Earle 10-1.

Lau Man-ching and Lu Tak-cheuk (C.R.C.) beat Col. Skinner and Col. Wyatt 9-2; beat Sgt. Trumper and Capt. Larkcom 8-3; beat Sgt. White and Spr. Earle 10-1.

## Hongkong C.C. v K.C.C.

On their own ground, the Hongkong C.C. defeated the Kowloon C.C. by 31 games. Scores:—

G. Miskin and W. B. Cornaby (H.K.C.C.) beat A. W. Ramsey and J. K. Owen 9-2; beat W. Brown and J. S. Smith 10-1.

J. G. Laurie and C. C. Stark (H.K.C.C.) beat W. Brown and J. K. Owen 9-2; beat G. S. Ford and J. S. Smith 9-2.

R. K. Valentine and W. A. Nowers (H.K.C.C.) beat A. W. Ramsey and J. K. Owen 9-2.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

## SOUTH CHINA DEFEAT THE QUEEN'S REGT.

At Caroline Hill on Saturday, South China defeated the Queen's by two goals to nil. The Queen's were not at full strength. South China had the assistance of Pau Ka-ping, Pau Ka-chuen, Lau Mau and Lau Kau. Athletic players. A large crowd of Chinese witnessed the game. One goal was scored in each half. Fung King-cheong beat Rowbottom with a header about halfway through the first half.

The second half opened with the Queen's pressing, but Lau Kau and Li Ting-sang played a sound game at back. Lau Mau scored a fine goal with a fast low shot from 25 yards.

The Queen's forced a corner, following which Leung Wing-tak headed out and Larking returned over the bar.

The Queen's tried hard for a goal but when the final whistle sounded they were two goals down.

Varsity v C.C.C.

On the University ground, the University defeated Craigengower C.C. by 23 games. Scores:—

G. de Sousa and J. Barrow (Varsity) beat W. J. Howard and G. Lia 9-2; beat A. B. Hanson and E. Zimmerman 5-6; beat H. J. Howard and J. A. Victor 8-3.

H. T. Lee and H. K. Lee (Varsity) lost to W. J. Howard and G. Lia 5-6; lost to A. B. Hanson and E. Zimmerman 5-6; beat H. J. Howard and J. A. Victor 9-2.

T. I. Lu and T. K. Tan (Varsity) lost to W. J. Howard and G. Lia 5-6; lost to A. B. Hanson and E. Zimmerman 5-6; beat H. J. Howard and J. A. Victor 8-3.

Nippon v Recreo.

On their own ground, the Nippon Club lost to the Club de Recreo by 13 games. Scores:—

Sajiki and Isomura (Nippon) lost to J. M. Silva and F. Remedios 6-5; beat A. Ribeiro and A. V. Remedios 8-3; lost to E. A. Noronha and E. de Sousa 4-7.

Yoshikawa and Nomura (Nippon) lost to J. M. Silva and F. Remedios 6-5; lost to A. Ribeiro and A. V. Remedios 4-7; beat E. A. Noronha and E. de Sousa 6-5.

Hachimura and Fujida (Nippon) lost to J. M. Silva and F. Remedios 6-5; beat A. Ribeiro and A. V. Remedios 8-3; lost to E. A. Noronha and E. de Sousa 3-8.

"C" DIVISION.

## R.A.O.C. v C.R.C. "A"

At Soekunpo, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps lost to the Chinese R.C. "A" by 55 games. Scores:—

P. Hine and G. Waterfield (R.A.O.C.) lost to Lau Man-kwong and Chiu Tsun-chiu 5-6; lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Chow Wah-po 2-9; lost to Ma Wei-but and Ip Kau 4-7.

E. Greenaway and H. Bryant (R.A.O.C.) lost to Lau Man-kwong and Chiu Tsun-chiu 6-5; lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Chow Wah-po 4-7; lost to Ma Wei-but and Ip Kau 4-7.

W. Pepper and E. Donaldson (R.A.O.C.) lost to Lau Man-kwong and Chiu Tsun-chiu 4-7; lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Chow Wah-po 1-10; lost to Ma Wei-but and Ip Kau 1-10.

South China v I.R.C.

Crossing over to King's Park, the Indian R.C. lost to the South China A.A. by 57 games. Scores:—

Tsao Ching-yan and Ng Sam-kun (S.C.A.A.) beat A. Rahman and J. S. Acker 8-3; beat M. P. Madar and F. M. el Arculli 9-2; beat M. Hassan and M. Y. Adal 9-2.

Lam On-kwok and Ko Tsao-wang (S.C.A.A.) beat A. Rahman and J. S. Acker 9-2; beat M. P. Madar and F. M. el Arculli 9-2; beat M. Hassan and M. Y. Adal 10-1.

Recreo "A" v Filipino Club.

On their own ground the Club de Recreo "A" beat the Filipino Club by 57 games. Scores:—

H. Remedios and F. Ribeiro (C. de R.) beat Rull and Ildefonso 7-4; beat Zafra and Jesus 8-3; beat Benilde and Fernandes 10-1.

C. Basto and M. Pinna (C. de R.) beat Rull and Ildefonso 5-6; beat Zafra and Jesus 7-4; beat Benilde and Fernandes 10-1.

H.K.C.C. v Recreo.

Playing away, the Club de Recreo "B" defeated the Hongkong C.C. by 13 games. Scores:—

C. Bianchi and A. Plorey (H.K.C.C.) beat G. A. Noronha and L. A. Rocha 7-4; beat H. A. Barros and A. C. Barretto 7-4; beat A. Gozano and C. Barretto 7-4.

H. R. Remington and G. H. Bradley (H.K.C.C.) lost to G. A. Noronha and L. A. Rocha 4-7; lost to H. A. Barros and A. C. Barretto 5-6; beat A. Gozano and C. Barretto 10-1.

Kowloon C.C. v K.R.M.Q.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. defeated the Kennedy-road Married Quarters by 31 games. Scores:—

C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstenson (K.C.C.) beat H. M. Moeck and J. S. Smith 9-2.

G. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstenson (K.C.C.) beat H. M. Moeck and J. S. Smith 9-2.

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## RIFLE SHOOTING.

## DOCKYARD CLUB DEFEATS H.M.S. BERWICK.

A friendly match between teams representing the Dockyard Rifle Club and H. M. S. Berwick took place at Stoncutters on Saturday. An enjoyable "short" resulted in a win for the D. R. C. by the narrow margin of 8 points. Full scores below:

	yds.	yds.	Total
P. O. Blatchford	20	25	70
P. O. Chapman	23	23	67
S. P. O. Wheeler	22	23	70
L. S. Callicott	20	24	71
L. S. Jane	20	21	73
S. A. Langley	18	15	61
A. B. Proctor	26	28	64
A. B. Litton	25	22	63
	173	209	127
	50	50	100
	123	259	382
	520		

Plus 4% for Open Sights 50

Total 520

D.R.C.

200 500 600

yds. yds. yds. Total

Mr. Young 28 18 25 71

Mr. Cook 23 28 23 74

Mr. Guest 23 30 23 76

Mr. Johnston 20 27 20 67

Mr. McCarthy 20 27 20 67

Mr. Mitchell 31 27 13 71

Mr. Lahey 17 25 0 42

Mr. Bullen 21 28 18 67

183 213 137 533

Plus 4% for Open Sights 4

Total 537

and W. Hardy 8-3; beat W. E. Watson and S. Dela Hunt 6-5; beat C. Burrage and W. Gillman 8-3.

W. Woodward and D. J. Purves (K.C.C.) beat H. Moeck and W. Hardy 8-3; beat W. E. Watson and S. Dela Hunt 8-3; beat C. Burrage and W. Gillman 8-3.

P. M. Piquet and A. E. Goeke (K.C.C.) beat H. Moeck and W. Hardy 8-3; beat W. E. Watson and S. Dela Hunt 8-3; beat C. Burrage and W. Gillman 8-3.

K.I.T.C. v Nippon.

On their own ground, the Kowloon Indian Tennis Court lost to the Nippon Club by 17 games. Scores:—

G. A. Khan and H. Singh (K.I.T.C.) beat T. Yamaguchi and T. Takamasa 3-8; beat T. Hata and T. Sato 7-4; beat Y. Tahara and C. Kawano 7-4.

Firdos Khan and S. R. Salleh (K.I.T.C.) lost to T. Yamaguchi and T. Takamasa 4-7; lost to T. Hata and T. Sato 3-8; lost to Y. Tahara and C. Kawano 4-7.

Feroz Ali and M. A. Khan (K.I.T.C.) lost to T. Yamaguchi and T. Takamasa 4-7; lost to T. Hata and T. Sato 2-9; lost to Y. Tahara and C. Kawano 5-6.

Y.M.C.A. v C.R.C. "B"

At King's Park, the Y.M.C.A. lost to the Chinese R.C. "B" by 51 games. Scores:—

J. C. Fuers and C. S. Pile (Y.M.C.A.) lost to Ng and Choy 3-8; lost to Choy and Chan 4-7; lost to Lau and Hon 4-7.

A. Tramblysky and E. Ponsford (Y.M.C.A.) lost to Ng and Choy 3-8; lost to Choy and Chan 4-7; lost to Lau and Hon 2-9.

T. P. Sanderson and J. Murphy (Y.M.C.A.) lost to Ng and Choy 1-10; lost to Choy and Chan 3-8; lost to Lau and Hon 0-11.

R.A.M.C. v Civil Service.

At Soekunpo, the Royal Army Medical Corps lost to the Civil Service C.C. by 23 games. Scores:—

Maj. Cox and Barnes (R.A.M.C.) lost to Maj. C. Willson and W. H. Owen 3-8; lost to A. White and R. White 4-7; lost to R. Jones and C. R. Spittley 2-9.

SyS. Sims and Tiernan (R.A.M.C.) lost to Maj. C. Willson and W. H. Owen 4-7; beat A. White and R. White 4-7; lost to R. Jones and C. R. Spittley 5-6.

Maj. Lynch and Crowsdale (R.A.M.C.) beat Maj. C. Willson and W. H. Owen 6-5; lost to A. White and R. White 3-8; lost to R. Jones and C. R. Spittley 4-7.

The full league tables are as follows:—

"A" DIVISION.

Chinese R.C. 2 2 2 2

M. B. K. 1 1 1 1

Craigengower C.C. 2 1 1 1

University 2 1 1 1

M. B. K. 1 1 1 1

Royal Engineers 1 1 1 1

Kowloon C.C. 2 2 2 2

Craigengower C.C. 2 2 2 2

South China 2 2 2 2

"C" DIVISION.

Chinese 2 2 2 2

Recreo "B" 2 2 2 2

South China 2 2 2 2

Chinese "B" 2 2 2 2

Kowloon C.C. 2 2 2 2

R.A.M.C. 2 1 1 1

Kennedy M. Q. 2 1 1 1

Recreo "A" 2 1 1 1

Nippon Club 2 1 1 1

Civil Service 2 1 1 1

Kowloon Indians 2 2 2 2

R.A.O.C. 2 2 2 2

Y.M.C.A. 2 2 2 2

Philippine 2 2 2 2

Indian R.C. 2 2 2 2

## LAWN BOWLS.

## CHAMPIONS DEFEATED BY CRAIGENGOWER.

The defeat of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, last year's champions of the first division of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, by Craigengower came as a big surprise to a good many bowlers. The match was played at Craigengower and the home team won by 10 shots. Bradbury's rink did it. He claimed a margin of 15 shots over the rink skipped by Lapley.

The Kowloon Bowling Green also paid a visit to Happy Valley, and succeeded in defeating the Civil Service C.C. by top shots.

The Police R.C. created a surprise by gaining a comfortable victory over the Taihook R.C.

In the second division of the League, Kowloon Bowling Green Club won by the big margin of 44 shots against Craigengower, the Club de Recreo "A" defeated the Kowloon C.C. by 34 shots, Taihook won with 19 shots to spare against the Club de Recreo "B" whilst the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club had hard luck in just being beaten by East Point.

Scores:

DIVISION I.

Civil Service v K.B.G.C.

At the Civil Service C.C. the home team lost to the Kowloon Bowling Green by 10 shots.

Scores:

Civil Service Bowling Green.

J. T. Laing R. Duncan

F. Haynes A. R. Whibley

J. J. Gregory D. Holland

P. Dunder 10 Macfarlane 25

A. H. Owick H. Nish

F. E. Booker D. Harvey

S. E. Alderman T. J. Magill

A. Hollidge 13 W. Russell 24

L. Whant P. T. Farrell

H. Westlake D. Muir

A. W. Grim A. Macfarlane

24 A. Grey 14

53 63

C.C.C. v Kowloon Dock.

At Craigengower, the home team defeated the Kowloon Dock R.C. by 10 shots.

Scores:

Craigengower Kowloon Dock.

G. T. Buchanan C. S. Atkinson

C. S. Rosset J. Goodman

C. Bennett F. A. Lindsay

R. Bass 18 J. C. Brown 20

W. T. Brightman J. Pancheon

E. el Arculli Duncanson

U. M. Omar 18 McKeivley 10

F. J. Neves H. Cooper

M. A. R. Sousa W. P. Redley

Dr. Rumjahn P. Cullen

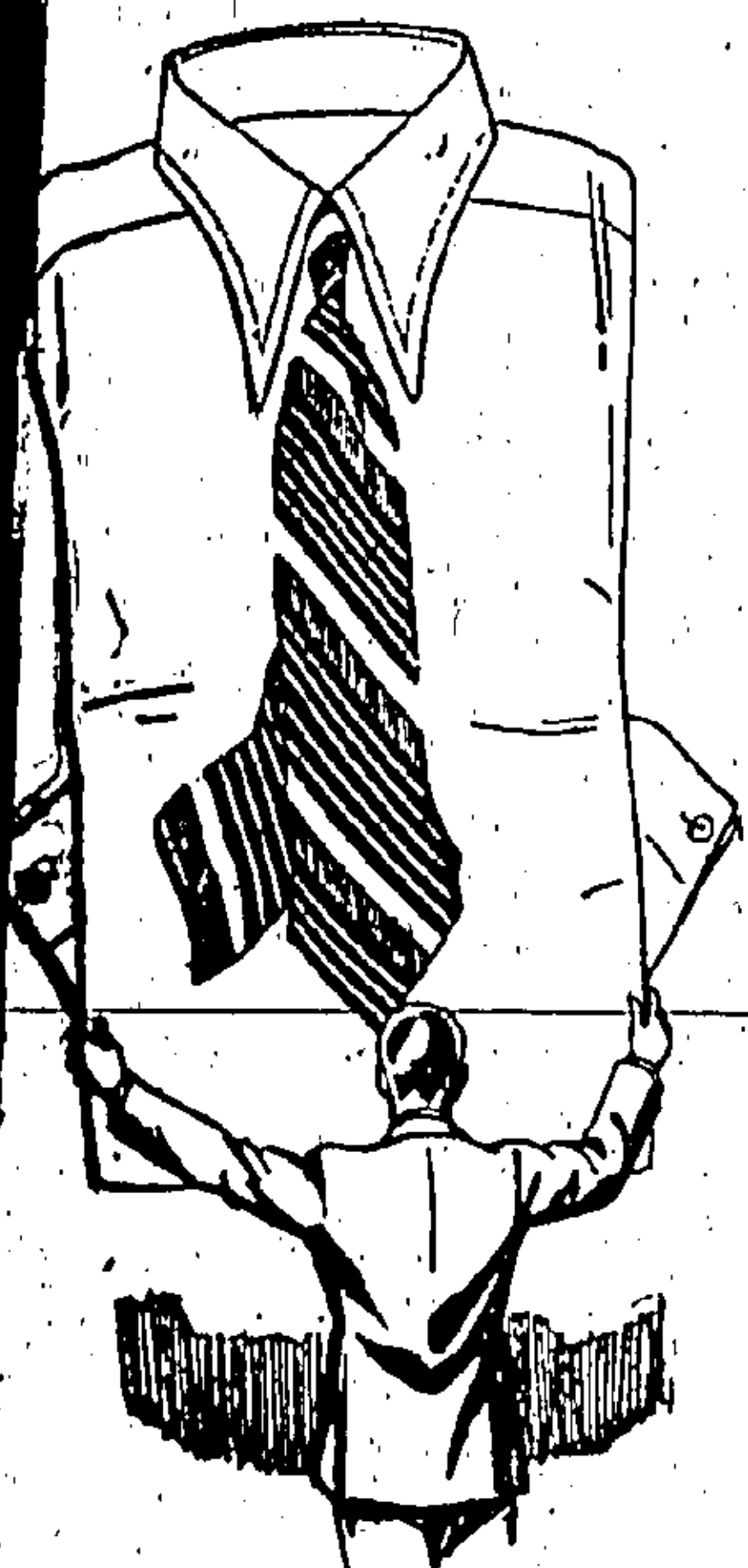
Bradbury 27 R. Lapsley 12

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Police v Taihook.



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## CHAPTER XXXV.

As long as she lived, Sally Ford would remember with shame that for one moment she was tempted by Arthur Van Horne's offer to prepare her for a stage career in New York. She had "play-acted" all her life; her heart's desire before she had met David had been to become an actress, and in that one moment when she knew that realization of her ambition lay within her grasp she wanted to stretch out her hands and seize the opportunity.

Her eyes glistened; she gasped involuntarily with delight. If Van Horne had not been hasty, if he had not snatched her to him with a strangled cry of triumph as his black eyes—mocking, no longer, but wide and brilliant with desire—read the effect of his words, she might have committed herself, have promised him anything. But he did touch her, and her flesh instinctively recoiled, for every nerve in her body was still athrill with David's goodnight kiss.

"No, no! Don't touch me!" she shuddered. "I won't go! You know I love David!" she wailed, covering her face with her hands. "Why won't you let me alone?"

Van-laughed, settled back in his seat and crossed his arms upon his breast. "I can wait until you have your little tummy full of carnival life and of hiding from the police," he told her in his old, nonchalant way. "Incidentally I have always bemoaned the fact that this quest is so damnably easy. It is a new experience to me—this being refused, and I suspect that I'm enjoying it. Now—shall I say goodnight, since we've reached the carnival lot? It's not goodby, you know, Sally. I assure you I'm admirably persistent. And remember, if Enid tries to make a nuisance of herself, you can always fly to Van. Good night, Sally, you adorable, ungrateful little witch! No kiss? Perhaps it is better said. I'm afraid I should not care for the brand of lipstick that Princess Lalla uses."

Sally did not tell David of Van Horne's offer, for on Saturday, the last day of the carnival in Capital City, the boy developed a temperance which caused Gus, who had acted as volunteer surgeon, to exclude all visitors, even Sally.

Apparently Enid Barr had been convinced of Bybee's gallant lies that little orphaned Betty had been mistaken when she "Princess Lalla" was not a girl, but a boy, and that it was not until the show train was rolling out of the state in the small hours of Sunday morning that the girl dared breathe easily.

Sunday, on the show train, was a happy day, the happiest that Sally had even known in her life. Freaks and dancers, criers and concessionaires, all the members of that weirdly assorted family, the carnival mingled in a joyous freedom from work and worry, singing together, reminiscing, gambling, gossiping.

The last week, except for the storm, had been an excellent one; money was free, spirits high. Even Mrs. Bybee, hovering like a mother hen over David, was good-natured, inclined to reminisce and give advice. Sally, whose talent for exquisite darning had been discovered by the women and girls, sat on the edge of David's berth, her lap full of flesh and beige and gun-metal silk stockings, her needle flying busily, her lips curved with a smile of pure delight, as she listened to the surge of laughter and song and talk. The midge, "Pitty Sing," perched on the window ledge of David's berth, a comical pair of spectacles across her infinitesimal nose, was reading aloud to David from one of her own tiny books, and David was listening, but his eyes were fixed worship-

fully upon Sally, and now and again his left hand reached out and patted her busy fingers or twirled the hanging braid of her hair.

Oh, it was a happy day, and Sally was sorry to have it end. But the show had to go on. The train wheels could not click forever over the rails. Monday, with its bustle and confusion and shouting and inevitable performances, lay ahead. But they were far out of the state which held Clem Carson, the orphanage, Enid Barr, Arthur Van Horne and all other menaces to freedom when the train did stop at last, on the outskirts of a town of 10,000 inhabitants.

Carnival routine had already become an old story to Sally; she no longer minded the curious stares of villagers, the crude advances of dressed-up young men, "rubes." The glamour had worn off, but in its place had come a deep contentment and a sympathetic understanding, born on that happy Sunday when the relaxed carnival family had shown her its heart and hopes. She was glad to be one of them, to be earning her living by giving entertainment and happiness—fake though her crystal-gazing was—to thousands of people whose lives were blighted with monotony.

During their first week in the new territory business was even better than the Bybees had dared hope. Positively the only calamity that befell the carnival was the discovery that Babe, the fat girl, had lost five pounds, due to her loudly confessed but unrequited passion for the carnival's hero, David Nash.

On Wednesday David was permitted to get up, and that afternoon for the first time he witnessed Sally's performance as "Princess Lalla." She had become so proficient in her intuitions regarding those who sought knowledge of "past, present and future" that his smiling, amused attentiveness to her "readings" did not embarrass her.

When the show was over, she joined him proudly, her little brown-painted hands clinging to his arm, her face upturned adoringly to his, as she pattered at his side on a tour of the midway. It was then that her dreams came true. At last she was "doing the carnival" with a "boy friend," like other girls. And David played up magnificently, buying her hot dogs, salt water taffy, red lemonade—the two of them drinking out of twin straws from the same glass.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning before show time the two wandered about the village to which the carnival had journeyed the night before. It was heavenly to be able to walk the streets unafraid. David walked with head high, shoulders squared, unafraid to look any man in the face, and Sally could have cried with joy that he was free again, for Bybee had assured them that there was not the slightest chance of extradition on the charges which still stood against the two in their native state.

Some day, somehow, the cloud against them would be lifted, and David could walk the streets of Capital City as proudly as he walked these village streets.

With money in their pockets, they could afford to buy all the necessities and little luxuries which their enforced flight from the Carson farm had deprived them of. Sally, her little face enchantingly grave and wise, chose ties and socks and shirts for David, and most forgot to bother about her own needs. And David, in another part of the village "general store," bought blushing but undauntedly, little pink silk brassieres and silk jersey knickers and silk stockings for the girl he loved. When she saw them she burst into tears, hugging them to her breast as if they were living, feeling things.

"Why, David, darling!" she sobbed and laughed, "I've never before in all my life had any silk underwear for a pair of silk stockings! I—I'm afraid to wear them for fear I'll spoil them when I have to wash them. Oh, the dear things! The lovely, precious things!"

"And here's something else," David said to her that Saturday morning.

They were in the still-deserted Palace of Wonders, their purchases spread out on Sally's platform.

"Give me your hand and shut your eyes," David commanded gently, with a throb of excitement in his voice.

She obeyed, but when she felt a ring being slipped upon the third finger of her left hand her eyes flew open and found a sapphire to match them. For the ring which David had bought for her was a plain loop of white gold, with a deep-blue sapphire in an old-fashioned Tiffany mounting, such as tradition has made sacred to engagement rings.

"Oh, David!" She laid her hand against her cheek, pressing the stone so hard that it left its many-faceted imprint upon her flesh. Then she had to kiss it and David had to kiss it—and her.

"I wish it could have been a diamond," David deprecated. "I suppose all girls prefer diamond engagement rings. But—"

"Oh, David, is it an engagement ring?" she breathed, then flung herself upon his breast, her hands clinging to his shoulders.

"Of course it is, precious idiot!" he laughed. Very gently but insistently he forced her face upward, so that their eyes met and clung.

His were boyishly ardent but solemn, hers were misted over with tears, but brighter and bluer than the stone upon her finger.

"I don't know when we can be married, Sally, but—I wanted you to have a ring and to know that I'll always be thinking and planning and—oh, I can't talk! You want to be engaged, don't you, Sally? You love me—enough?"

"I adore you. I love you so that I feel I am not even half a person when you're not with me. I couldn't live without you, David," she said solemnly.

They were still sitting there, talking, planning, making love shyly but ardently, when Gus, the crier, mounted the box outside the tent and began to advertise for the first show of the morning.

"Eleven o'clock and I'm not in make-up yet, and you've got to run the wheel for Eddie today," Sally cried in dismay, jumping to her feet and gathering up her scattered purchases and presents.

As the day wore on, with show after show drawing record crowds for a village of its size, "Princess Lalla" gazed more often into the shining blue depths of a small sapphire than into the magic depths of her crystal. But perhaps the sapphire had a magic of its own, for never had her audiences been better pleased, never had quarters been thrust so thick and fast upon her.

At half-past nine that night Gus, the crier, had not quite finished his "cry" about the Princess Lalla when the girl, whose eyes had been fixed trance-like upon her ring, saw a woman suddenly begin to ascend the steps to the platform.

Before her startled eyes had travelled upward to the woman's face Sally knew who it was. For 12 years that big, stiffly corseted, severely dressed body had been as familiar to her as her own. Instinctively, though her blood had turned instantly to ice water in her veins, Sally's right hand closed over her left, to conceal the sapphire. Thelma had not been permitted to keep even a bit of glass—  
(To Be Continued.)

## LONDON'S AERIAL DEFENCES.

REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT SINCE WAR.

## NEW INSTRUMENTS.

The occasional search over London at night by long, tenuous searchlight fingers for the audible but invisible "aerial invader" is the most arresting of war games, and one, withal, eminently practical says a correspondent in the *London Morning Post*. There are on the outskirts of London, permanent searchlight stations and anti-aircraft gun parks, and when the "atmospherics" are favourable these stations are manned, an aeroplane ascends, and sound locators, or sentinels, are immediately on the qui vive.

Provided the information is reliable, inter-communication efficient, and the "readings" correctly transferred, the airman is caught in the searchlight beam and the guns trained on their illuminated and elusive target.

All this is done in a few seconds. If the airman, when once picked up, manages to get out of the beam and is lost, he may be said to have won the game.

Londoners have reason to be particularly interested in any advance in the direction of engaging aircraft successfully, as since the first stage of any future war will probably consist of a conflict for air supremacy, the Air Defence Brigades would be the first to be in-the-front position in that zone.

During a visit to the School of Anti-Aircraft Defence, at Biggin Hill, I learned something of the progress towards the effective defence of London from aerial bombardment, in so far as it concerns ground troops.

## Scientific Aids.

To-day science has come to the aid of anti-aircraft defence, and made soluble problems which at one time were thought to be insoluble. This is one of the notable achievements of post-war research. Anti-aircraft gunnery is still an affair for specialists, but scientific instruments of a practical nature have been developed which, without making undue demands on the operators, produce the necessary fuse range and travel correction data, enabling high-speed targets to be rapidly and successfully engaged.

The training at the A.A. School is framed on lines that reduce the science and technique to simple rules and a clear-cut drill. With the latest equipments this is possible, and with highly trained detachments, targets travelling at 100 miles an hour and more—after being located and identified—can be subjected to an accurate fire in a comparatively brief period.

Rapidity is essential to success, and it is only by perfect drill that good results can be obtained. This is apparent when it is considered that a plane moving across the zone of fire at the rate of 100 miles per hour is covering 50 yards in a second. If there is a delay of only nine seconds, and this might happen if a single order had to be repeated, the target would have changed its position in that time by a quarter of a mile. With perfect drill, good instruments, and reliable equipment, there is every expectation of enveloping aircraft with shell fragments and so obtaining hits.

In the late war well-trained A.A. detachments could put up a rate of fire of 30 rounds per minute from the 13-pdr. gun in night shooting.

But to make a certainty of bringing down a plane will always be a matter of difficulty as the vital area exposed to fire—the pilot, petrol tanks, engine and controls—hardly embrace an area of six feet square. The problem therefore is to hit a small target when flying at the rate of 100 to 120 miles an hour at altitudes up to 16,000 feet or more.

## Task of "Spotters."

Highly important members of an A.A. section are the "spotters," or look-out men. Provided visibility is good, these men should identify "planes" at distances of at least 10,000 yards. This is very necessary, as a period of about one minute is required to determine height and obtain the predicted fuse range and travel corrections. In that minute the target may have travelled 3,000 yards. Fire, therefore, can be opened when the target is at a range of 7,000 yards or thereabouts.

At night, or in cloudy weather, sound locators are used to determine the approximate position of aircraft with regard to elevation and bearing. The sound of the travelling aeroplane is collected by two pairs of wooden trumpets, and by means of tubes and stethoscopes. It is conducted to the ears of listeners, on whose information directions are given as to when and

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## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

V	A	M	P
D	A	M	P
D	A	M	S
D	I	M	S
D	I	E	S
D	Y	E	S
E	Y	E	S

where the beam of light should begin its search.

An instrument greatly improved since the war is what is technically known as the U.B.2. An extremely efficient height-finder, it is capable of giving the altitude of an aeroplane to within about 3 per cent.

The most remarkable instrument of all is the "Vickers Predictor," which determines the fuse range simultaneously with the vertical and lateral deflections. It replaces the Broca, an electrical device attached to the gun which was in many ways unsatisfactory. The training at the School also includes "eye shooting." This is essential in mobile warfare, in the nature of snap shooting, and must be resorted to in the event of the instruments being out of order or not available.

It may be said that, if few new inventions or new methods have been devised since the war, real progress has been made in perfecting what was then experimental. By 1918 anti-aircraft defence had become a scientific organisation. In 1928 it would be definitely more effective if it commanded anything like the same resources in equipment and personnel.

Colonel Henry W. Hill, the Commandant of the School, told me that the training, general efficiency, and the shooting of the Territorial Anti-Aircraft Artillery were of an extremely high order, and are still on the upward curve.

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## OBITUARY.

## NEW ZEALAND V.C.'s FINE RECORD.

The death is announced of Major William James Hardham, V.C., a veteran of the Boer War, Gallipoli, and Palestine campaigns.

Major Hardham, who was a native of Wellington, New Zealand, went with the 4th New Zealand Contingent to South Africa in 1900.

Early in the following year, when Farrier-Major, he was with a section of his regiment which was hotly engaged near Nampoor, in the Transvaal, with a party of Boers. Just before the section commenced to retire a trooper was wounded and had his horse killed. Farrier-Major Hardham went to his assistance under a heavy fire, dismounted, placed

the injured man on his own horse, and ran alongside till he had taken him to a place of safety.

For his conspicuous act of bravery he was awarded the Victoria Cross, the decoration being handed to him by King Edward in July, 1902. He also received the Queen's medal with five clasps.

Subsequently he was promoted captain, and during the Great War served in the New Zealand Mounted Infantry in May, 1915. As Major Hardham he was afterwards Military Commandant of the Queen Mary Hospital for Sick and Wounded Returned Soldiers at Hamner Springs, New Zealand.

He was a noted Rugby football player and captained the Wellington Province team on many occasions. He played against the England team which visited New Zealand in 1904. He was also prominent as a cricketer and tennis player.

## DIDN'T LIKE HAIRCUT.


## SO HE STABBED THE BARBER.

Candido Uruga stabbed to death Fugeno Advincula at Barrio Balocawe, Abuyog, Leyte recently, according to a constabulary report received in Manila.

The deceased, on the morning of the crime was asked by Uruga to cut his hair because he was going to a party, but not being an expert barber, Uruga's hair was not well cut and when he attended the party his friends made fun of him. He became infuriated and went to hunt for the deceased. Their meeting followed by brief altercation, ended in Uruga's stabbing the deceased who died instantaneously, the reports adds.

Uruga is facing a complaint for homicide, presented by the chief of police of Abuyog.





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### A SMART SENTENCE.

#### PICKPOCKET CAUGHT AT POST OFFICE.

A sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed by Major C. Willson on Saturday on a Chinese pickpocket who was caught "red handed" at the General Post Office, while in the act of extracting a purse containing \$7.72 from an Indian schoolmaster, named M. Abdullah.

Giving evidence, the schoolmaster said that on Friday last, he was at the registration counter inside the main hall of the Post Office at 3.45 p.m. While he was leaning over the counter, he felt a tug on his coat pocket and instinctively his right hand went to the pocket. It came in contact with defendant's hand, which was holding his purse containing the money. On being seized the defendant struggled and managed to get free but before he could run, the Indian had once again secured him and this time turned him over to a constable in Pedder Street.

The defendant claimed that he was at the Post Office for the purpose of buying five cents receipt stamp. The police told his Worship that the registration and stamp counters were very far apart and if defendant's story was true then he could not have been near the Indian schoolmaster.

Defendant vehemently protested his innocence, adding "I don't mind being sentenced to death, if I were guilty."

His Worship on learning that the defendant had a previous conviction for the same type of offence, passed sentence as stated above, adding that in his mind there was no reason to doubt the schoolmaster's story.

### FOR SELF-DEFENCE.

#### AUTOMATIC FOUND ON MAN FROM SYDNEY.

When Wong Tsz-tak was charged before Major C. Willson on Saturday for possession of one .25 calibre automatic Colt pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition, he pleaded that he carried the weapon for self defence and had no idea that by doing so he was acting in contravention to the laws of the Colony.

The police informed his Worship that the defendant arrived in the Colony recently by the s.s. Tando from Sydney and was arrested on board the s.s. Kong Ning on May 11, just prior to the vessel's departure to Pak To.

The defendant, in a statement to the Magistrate, said that he had been abroad for twenty-eight years and had heard of the banditry which existed in China. He was on his way back to his native village and considered it prudent to carry a pistol with him both for his personal safety and for self defence.

The Magistrate drew attention to the fact that the arms and ammunition were concealed in a biscuit tin. To this the defendant replied that he was afraid that the Customs authorities in his country might discover and confiscate the weapon, consequently he had to adopt such a method of conveyance.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$100.

### WEALTH FROM DIRT.

#### WOMAN SELLS OLD VEGETABLES.

An old Chinese woman, whose age was stated in the charge sheet as seventy, with white hair and drooping head, appeared before Major C. Willson on Saturday charged with causing an obstruction in Graham Street.

The Police told his Worship that the old woman made a living out of collecting discarded vegetables from the Central Market which she arrayed on one pavement of Graham Street and sold to extremely poor people. She had been brought to the police station many times and warned not to repeat the offence.

On the fourth of this month, the police had occasion to search her while she was in the charge room and to their surprise they found on her person no less than \$130. When she was taken into custody on Friday, she had \$3.76 in her possession.

The old woman told the Magistrate that she once enjoyed a free licence granted her by a previous Magistrate. She also told his Worship that she knew of no other trade.

Major Willson imposed a fine of \$4 or in default seven days' hard labour.

### STEALING A WALLET.

#### PICKPOCKET CAUGHT IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Saturday, a Chinese pickpocket was sentenced to three months' hard labour on being found guilty of stealing a purse containing \$25 and a monthly tram ticket from the breast pocket of a Chinese in Queen's Road East on Friday last.

Giving evidence, the complainant said that the snatcher came up from behind him while he was walking near the Grand Theatre with his wife. As soon as he realised what had happened he shouted "Stop thief," and gave chase. The defendant was eventually arrested by a district watchman. In answer to his Worship's complaintant stated that he was quite sure defendant was the man who snatched the wallet from his pocket, because he did not lose sight of him for a single moment.

In another case, sentence of forty-eight hours' detention and twelve strokes was imposed by Major Willson on a youth, who pleaded guilty to picking \$4 in notes from the pocket of a Chinese messenger boy.

### PERSIA CELEBRATES.

#### FOREIGN CAPITULATIONS ABROGATED.

Basrah, May 12.  
 South Persian towns are celebrating the abrogation of foreign capitulations in Persia. — Reuters.  
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#### APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR NEW BUILDING.

In connexion with the appeal for funds for the new Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, which is being made to the Services and general public of the Colony, the President and Treasurer, the Rev. J. C. Knight

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Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Saturday, Mr. Horace Lo, representing a ship's carpenter, obtained the discharge of his client in a case in which the defendant was charged with being in possession of 20,000 heroin pills.

At a previous hearing, the defendant informed the Bench that he brought the pills from Shanghai and was taking them to Canton, there to sell them at a profit. His Worship taking that as an admission of guilt by the defendant, imposed a fine of \$2,000 or in default six months' hard labour.

Later, Mr. Horace Lo appeared before the Magistrate and obtained permission to make submissions on Saturday to show that the defendant's statement did not amount to a plea of "guilty."

When the case came on for hearing, Mr. Lo submitted that, according to the law on the point which stated that "every person who is proved to have in his person anything containing a drug, shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been in possession of such drug and until the contrary is proved, to be deemed to know the nature of the drug," the onus was thrown on his client to show that he had no knowledge that what he was carrying was drugs. What the defendant had admitted was possession of the pills but not knowledge that the pills contained heroin. His client did not know any of the ingredients that went to make up the pills.

Continuing Mr. Lo pointed out that the defendant's demeanour had been one of perfect candour and added that he had been very open and frank throughout, the case. On being questioned he had given the authorities every detail which he knew concerning the pills.

His Worship decided to hear the evidence. Revenue Officer W. Ward, in the witness box, said that he boarded the s.s. Hsin Wah on the China Merchants' Wharf. In a cupboard in the room occupied by the defendant, he found the pills. There appeared to be no attempt to hide them and defendant on being questioned, promptly admitted that the pills belonged to him and that he was taking them to Canton to sell as medicine. He also told witness that the pills came from Shanghai.

In the witness box, the defendant told the Magistrate that he was a ship's carpenter and as such his earnings were small and therefore he never missed a chance to make money. When the Hsin Wah was about to leave Shanghai, a hotel runner, with whom he had done business before, offered him some pills at \$14 a tin. Defendant bought two tins on learning that the pills would be "snapped up" at Canton at \$20 a tin.

In answer to his Worship's defendant said that he understood the Chinese name for the pills was "Luk Sun Yuen," which meant the pills of the six spirits.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Lo once again pointed out the extreme probability that his client did not, in fact, know the pills contained any drugs.

Mr. Lindsell decided that the evidence for the prosecution was inconclusive and discharged the defendant.

### JAPANESE CRUISERS.

TWO TRAINING SHIPS IN  
HARBOUR.

Two Japanese cruisers, H.I.J.M. Izumo and H.I.J.M. Yakumo, arrived in Hongkong harbour yesterday morning under the command of Vice-Admiral Kobayashi. Included among the officers is Prince Takamatsu, who is undergoing a course of training as a lieutenant. The ships arrived in Hongkong by reason of their itinerary taking them through the port and on Wednesday they are due to sail for Manila.

Yesterday the officers, including Captain Idemitsu, of the Yakumo, Capt. Hirota, of the Izumo, and Prince Takamatsu, were entertained to lunch at the Nam Tong Restaurant, China Building, by the Japanese Residents' Association, the President, Mr. Kinoshita, discharging the duties of chairman. The Consul General for Japan, Mr. Y. Murakami, was also present.

Following the lunch, the Consul General and the principal officers left by car for Mr. Murakami's house.

Last night, the officers were entertained to dinner at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden, the host being Mr. Murakami.

During their stay in Hongkong, arrangements have been made for the officers to visit places of interest and it is understood that they will journey to Taikoo Dockyard to-day. Among other places, a visit will be paid to the Orient Tobacco Manufactory, Kowloon.

### RIVER COLLISION.

KINSHAN INVOLVED WITH  
A JUNK TOW.

On the arrival of the s.s. Kinshan from Canton on Friday night it was learned that the vessel had been in collision with a tow, consisting of a steam launch and two junks, in the vicinity of Whampoa.

From the information gathered, it appears that the tow was approaching from ahead on the port side, and the Kinshan altered to starboard. The tow responded to the signal made and, for some reason, altered to port.

A collision resulted, the guard of the Kinshan sweeping the deck of the steam launch, raising the funnel and deck fittings. One member of the steam launch crew jumped on board the Kinshan by means of the guard, but the tow appeared to have sustained no damage below the water line.

A lifeboat was then launched from the Kinshan under command of the second officer and it was ascertained that although the launch had been holed, she had time to reach the beach before sinking. A Chinese officer on board took charge and the tow was duly beached.

Damage to the Kinshan is slight. No lives have been lost, according to the latest reports, while the man brought down by the Kinshan was sent up to Canton yesterday by the same vessel.

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MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	2nd June.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	8,948	7th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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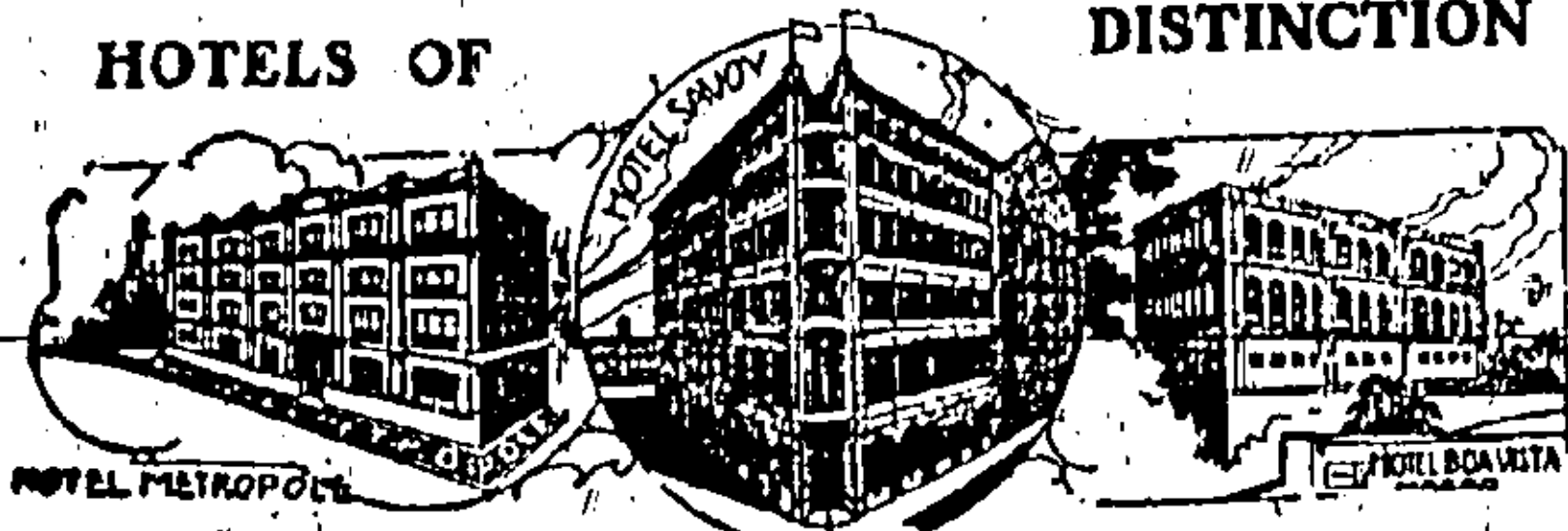
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## TIENTSIN'S TIME OF CRISIS.

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for the Nationalists to make a thorough investigation in order to be in a position to present the facts pertaining to the Japanese actions.

Mr. Hwang Fu stated however that the Nationalist Government had cabled to Dr. C. C. Wu, former Nationalist Foreign Minister now in Paris, asking him to proceed to Washington immediately in order to assist Mr. Frank Lee, Nationalist representative in Washington.

It was unofficially stated in government circles today that Japan would not ask or accept mediation of the trouble in Shantung.

Unofficially, it was said that Japan did not consider that a state of war existed and that therefore the situation could be settled through Sino-Japanese diplomatic channels.

Nationalist Government Assailed.

Shanghai, May 11. It is evident that the Nationalist Government, thoroughly alarmed at the mounting jingoism of the Chinese public, is fearful that the anti-Japanese sentiment will get out of their hand and possibly force the overturn of the Government with the possible creation of a radical Communist Government similar to that of last spring when uncontrolled mobs of labourers and students overran the British concessions at Hankow, Kiukiang and Chinkiang, precipitating the Nanking incident.

During the last few days posters have appeared throughout the native areas attacking the Government for weak diplomacy and demanding the resignation of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hwang Fu, and war with Japan.

The Government was also attacked for making appeals to Washington and Geneva as a sign of weakness. As a result of this situation the Kuomintang central executive committee at a meeting to-day, advised a suspension of the anti-Japanese movements "in order to permit diplomatic handling of the situation."

The Kuomintang central committee also prohibited further distribution of anti-Japanese literature unless the same was approved by the local Government authorities.—"Chicago Tribune" correspondent.

U.S. Consul Under Fire.

Tientsin, May 10. The bombardment of Tientsin by the Japanese forces was related to-day by neutral foreigners arriving from the Shantung capital. The refugees said that the Japanese used three inch guns, trench mortars and machine guns to drive

out the Nationalists, who had refused to withdraw.

The United States Consul, Mr. E. B. Price was under fire yesterday while taking American refugees to the international train. The Nationalists fired on the train in an effort to shoot the Japanese guard.

Foochow Precautions.

Life in Foochow continues to be free of noteworthy incident. The first week or two of May is always a time when anything may be expected, but this year it has gone off with unwonted quietness.

A Labour demonstration planned for May Day was postponed owing to rain, and was to have taken place on the 8th in connexion with the usual commemoration of the Day of National Disgrace.

Elaborate preparations were being made, including a mass meeting outside the south gate of the city and a procession protesting against Japan's activities in Shantung; but at the eleventh hour the Provincial Government, acting on telegraphic instructions from Nanking, got together the representatives of the various public bodies interested, and persuaded them to have no demonstration, but only a small meeting in the South Park.

Everyone is thankful for this sign that the Government recognises the seriousness of the situation and the inadvisability of leaving any loophole for further "incidents."—Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai Japanese Boycott.

The Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and other public organisations have made a joint declaration that starting from the 15th, Chinese traders shall order no more goods from Japan, and all Japanese products shall be boycotted.

General Dismissed.

An overnight cable from Shanghai shows that effect has been given to the dismissal of General Ho Yao-tao.

Following the first Sino-Japanese clash in Tainanfu, Chiang Kai-shek gave an order for all Nationalist troops to evacuate Tainanfu. Ho Yao-tao remained with his troops in direct transgression of the order of the Commander-in-Chief.

Amoy Accident.

It is believed that the shelling of Amoy by the Northern cruiser "Huichien" was connected with the arrival at Amoy of 5,000 cases of ammunition which the Nationalist Government ordered from Germany for the Navy in Amoy.

Sales Levy for War Funds.

Manila, May 11.

Should the controversy in Shantung culminate in a war between Japan and China, the Manila Chinese will finance the war to the extent of 15,000,000 dollars it has been decided by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Although no definite decision was reached, the suggestion of collecting from all Chinese an amount equal to one and half per cent. of their sales seems to have been accepted. Regarding the amount to be given by the Chinese labourers, some representatives of the unions proposed to have the labourers contribute to the amount of 30 cent. of their wages. These leaders were advised to decide for themselves regarding the amount they may be able to contribute.

To Buy 50 Planes.

The average amount collected yearly by the Philippines authorities on sales tax is approximately P18,000,000, eighty per cent. of which comes from Chinese merchants.

During the meeting last night, one of the members proposed that a cable be sent to the Nanking Government urging the appointment of General Feng Yu-shiang as generalissimo of the Nationalist forces in place of Chiang Kai-shek. Pandemonium reigned for a time, with the proposal being severely criticised by several representatives.

To Create Committee.

Only one resolution was passed after two hours of continued discussion. It was decided to name a committee, to include all representative Chinese, which will take charge of the Chinese activities in the city in connexion with the present Sino-Japanese controversy.

Fifty-one members of the International Bible Students' Association, 16 men, and 35 women, were baptised in Liverpool Corporation baths recently.

Mr. A. J. Waldegrave, one of the Post Office assistant accountant-general, has been appointed Deputy Comptroller and Accountant-General, from which post Mr. P. J. Pearson recently retired.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Albrecht Durer's "Adoration of the Virgin" by an American-German group of collectors. 2. Five shillings a day, with a small allowance of bread, wine and candles. 3. That the unemployed number 5,700,000. 4. King Alfonso, at the Royal Palace in Madrid. 5. That Henry I. died from a surfeit of lampreys and that the Duke of Clarence was drowned in a butt of Malmsey. 6. In the island of Komodo. 7. At Buxtehude, near Weisheit. 8. The Chinese martial Wu Peifu. 9. They bear the name "Sir Collington" instead of "Sir Edward Collington". 10. The silent run. 11. The British on April 4, 1928, and the Great Western, on April 7, 12. That he can make the human body transparent.

## THE NEW THREAT TO TIEN TSIN.



The map indicates the sensational advance made by Yen Hsi-shan's troops along the Puto-ho River. They have captured Tangchow on the Pukow-Tientsin Railway, which, it will be seen, is only 50 miles south of Tientsin. The march from Shihchiachwang may be regarded as one of the most meritorious during the present campaign.

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